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## Perks are the icing on the cake for area's school superintendents

Teachers don't always appreciate the extras districts dangle to hire and keep superintendents

By Suzanne Pardington and Kara Shire  
STAFF WRITERS

Public-school superintendents in the East Bay make \$90,000 to \$185,000 a year, but those salaries often mask their true

compensation.

Perks such as car and housing allowances can drive up the total by tens of thousands of dollars and are becoming increasingly common as the pool of superintendents shrinks and districts look for new ways to attract and keep them.

Berkeley Unified pays the interest on Michele Barraza Lawrence's home loan on top of her \$185,000 salary. West Contra Costa forks over \$12,000 annu-

ally for a tax-deferred annuity for Superintendent Gloria Johnston's retirement. And Dennis Goetsch, Antioch's superintendent, takes home \$8,100 a year to help pay for his Cadillac.

As Albany and Pleasanton schools search for new superintendents, they will face a difficult balancing act between enticing quality applicants with lucrative contracts and avoiding the disapproval of teachers unions and taxpayers.

Teachers often balk at superintendents' high salaries and extra perks as they fight over percentage points in tense contract negotiations. Recent talks in Alacanes and Antioch are no exception. During one protest in Antioch, a teacher waved a placard saying "Who's driving a district-subsidized Cadillac?"

"It's one of these issues that rubs a lot of teachers the wrong way," said Beth Furstenthal, president of the Acalanes Education

Association. "When the district is saying poverty, poverty, poverty and we can't give you guys any raise, and the superintendent's salary is so high, it creates ill will."

Recruiters and education organizations say rising salaries and extra perks are unavoidable in an increasingly tight job market for superintendents. It's a simple lesson in supply and demand: Fewer people are applying for more and more job va-

cancies.

"It's becoming a seller's market, and you'll see salaries are up because of that," said Dick Loveall, director of the executive search services of the California School Boards Association.

Half of school superintendents nationwide are expected to leave their jobs by the end of the decade, according to the American Association of School Ad-

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## City envisions new avenue with old-time feel

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — City planners have big plans for the commercial side of Fairmount Avenue. They're envisioning a bustling, safe main street with small and architecturally interesting shops, comfortable benches, new but old-fashioned overhead street lighting and cafes where residents can stop by to read a newspaper, grab a latte and greet their neighbors.

They see Fairmount Avenue being transformed into a comfortable urban environment similar to Solano Avenue in Albany and Fourth Street in Berkeley.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for the community," said Steve Price, a member of the city's Design Review Board, "and it'll be a fun destination for folks riding along the greenway."

Stretching from San Pablo Avenue east four blocks to Richmond Street, the commercial area of Fairmount Avenue has for the past few decades had little to offer except a few professional buildings, a gas station, travel agencies, a bank, a liquor store and apartments — not exactly a place where people want to congregate.

"Fairmount is fairly degraded as a main street now," said Price, "but its bones are still there."

With the El Cerrito Plaza's new stores fronting the street and the BART station just across the way, city planners want to take advantage of Fairmount's potential and give the area a sense of safety, identity and community, give shoppers needed services and put more sales tax revenue into city coffers.

"I think it's a really good use of the city's energy and time right now to build on the impetus the plaza has given to that part of town," said Dan Smith, chairman of the Design Review Board.

The city has shown interest in upgrading Fairmount Avenue since the mid-1990s. And it will see a first step when Pacific Gas & Electric undergrounds overhead utility lines there by the end of the year.



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LOWER FAIRMOUNT AVENUE as it exists today (above), offers few amenities for shoppers or pedestrians. In his photo illustration top, planner Steve Price offers one view of what the commercial area could offer in the future.

## Round-the-clock relay at ECHS will help fight cancer

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — For the residents who commit themselves to raising more than \$100 and camping out at a high school for 24 hours, local cancer survivors have just one thing to say them: Thank you.

El Cerrito's third annual Relay for Life — a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society — will be held for 24 hours from 10 a.m. Saturday, May 18 through 10 a.m. Sunday, May 19 at the track of El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Avenue.

Nationally, the event raised \$200 million last year alone and \$20,000 in El Cerrito. But the event is more than just raising money, it's about survival for peo-

### RELAY FOR LIFE

WHAT: A 24-hour fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society

WHEN: 10 a.m., Saturday, May 18 through 10 a.m., Sunday, May 19

WHERE: The El Cerrito High School running track, 540 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito

INFORMATION: Call 510-525-2608 or go online at www.cancer.org.

COST: Participants are expected to raise \$100 individually and another \$100 total for their team

ple battling cancer today and tomorrow, said El Cerrito resident

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### COUGAR

PAW plaques can be purchased to fill the letters of the Albany High Cougars logo in the main hallway of Albany High School. Proceeds from these sales are used to support the school's athletic program.

STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF



## AHS Wall of Honor makes money hand-over-paw

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Residents are invited to support Albany High School by giving to the school's Wall of Honor, a fund-raiser that since September, has raised about \$25,000.

On the 60-foot long, 6-foot-high wall in the school's main hallway is the word "Cougars." Inside the lettering are engraved aluminum paws, which can be bought for \$100 to \$300 each.

The fund-raiser has been a success for Albany High School's Sports Boosters, which raises money for the school's athletic department.

The idea for the wall belongs to Marianne Henri, a parent at

the school, who wanted to raise money for the sports department after her daughter got involved with a team there.

"It was a wonderful experience for her; her coaches were so wonderful and supportive of

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## WORTH CHECKING OUT

## Baxter Creek Earth Day

Friends of Baxter Creek will celebrate Earth Day early this month on Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon at Booker T. Anderson Park, 47th and Cypress, in Richmond. Help tend a recently restored section of Baxter Creek that provides an oasis of wildlife habitat in a highly urbanized neighborhood. Volunteers will weed, clean-up trash, and propagate native plants as well as learn about the birds, bugs, and amphibians that call the creek home. The work party will be followed by a raffle drawing and free lunch. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Baxter Creek and the Urban Creeks Council. To RSVP (only necessary if you want that free lunch) and for more information, contact Apple of the Aquatic Outreach Institute at 231-5778 or apple@aoainstitute.org.

## Folk dance fun

Mira Vista United Church of Christ hosts a night of fun and folk dancing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 19. Instruction and refreshments will be provided. Dancers and non-dancers of all ages are welcome to attend. A small donation will be requested. The church is located at 7075 Cutting Blvd., just below Arlington, in El Cerrito. For more information call 510-234-0110.

## Berkeley High concert

The Berkeley High School Orchestra presents its Spring Concert on Thursday, April 25, at the Berkeley Community Theater at Alston and Martin

Luther King Jr. Way. Pieces performed will include Clifton William's 'Dedicated Overture', William Hine's 'Creed', and Modest Mussorgsky's 'Night on Bald Mountain'. Two graduating seniors will be featured, Daniel Goldin in the first movement of the Mozart Flute Concerto, K.314, and Gene Fieldin in the Max Bruch Romance for Viola and Orchestra. Tickets: \$1 students; \$4 adults. Details: 510-528-2098.

## Berkeley Garden Club

On Tuesday, April 16 Anthony Garza, UC Botanical Garden supervisor of horticulture and grounds, will talk about native plants for the home garden. The club meets at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. Guests are welcome to attend the business meeting at 1 p.m. and the free program, which begins at 2 p.m. Details: 510-524-4374.

## Video tournament

The first-ever Video Game Tournament will get underway Saturday evening, April 27, at the Albany Community Center. Organized by nine enlightened interns from the Chamber of Commerce, the tournament will feature great match-ups based upon levels of ability and age. For more information: 510-525-1771.

## Readiness training

The El Cerrito Fire Department is offering free preparedness training for all disasters, natural and otherwise. The training course consists of both a

classroom session and a hands-on drill. The classroom session is from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on either Saturday, April 13 or Saturday, April 27. The hands-on drill is from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, May 11. The course is free to everyone. Reservation required. For location and reservation, contact program coordinator Pat Cattel at 510-525-7268 or cattel@junco.com.

## Hoopsters converge

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held May 11 in Albany with the final games played May 12. Players can sign-up today to play in one of four divisions. There will be 84 teams competing for a \$500 first prize and a \$250 second prize in each division. The event also includes demonstrations from local sports programs and a chance to see the brand-spanking-new gym at Albany High. Call for more information: 510-525-2716. The tournament is hosted by and benefits Albany High's athletics program.

## Solano nominations

Nominations are being accepted through June 30, for the prestigious Solano Avenue Person of the Year award. Submit a minimum of one paragraph of praise, contact information and the nominee's contact information. The Solano Avenue Association board selects the winner. Last year's winner was Steve "Obi" Obichon, the avenue's postal carrier. The winner will be honored at the Solano Stroll Kickoff Party in August and gets to ride in the stroll parade during the. Contact Lisa Bullwinkel at 510-527-5358.

## ALBANY CHAMBER NOTES

## City, chamber will mingle at mixer

By James Carter

MEMBERS of the Albany Chamber will have the opportunity to meet city officials at a Chamber/City Sponsored Mixer, Wednesday, April 24, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Come over to City Hall and meet the mayor, the city administrator, your City Council, and all the folks who keep the good ship Albany afloat. (City Hall is located at 1000 San Pablo Ave., on the corner of Buchanan and Marin avenues.)

Also that night, candidates for the chamber Board of Directors will be there to hobnob, field questions, and feed your head while chamber members nibble on the terrific free fixings that have become a trademark of our mixers. Though all good time is assured to all, this will be a relatively sober occasion, if you catch my drift, and soft drinks will be sold for 50 cents a pop.

## Citizen and youth awards

There are awards and there are plaques, but all in comparison to the honor and virtue of being recognized as Albany Citizen of the Year, or Albany Youth of the Year. If you know someone deserving of this prestigious award, a time-honored tradition something akin to Be-attification and Immortality, please submit the name, address, and phone number of the luminary you'd like to nominate, and a detailed elucidation explaining why they desire this award. Nomination forms must be received by May 3.

After careful scrutiny and endless debate, we will choose the winners, and honor them in May at our annual Awards Mixer, hosted by Golden Gate Fields in the fabulous Turf Room. For more information: 510-525-1771, or e-mail us at albanychamber@bigplanet.com

## What the doctor ordered

"What this town needs is a

little relief," Dr. T. Bellington Strange said recently. "Tarnation, people are just too uptight." The good doctor scribbled down a prescription, and this is what it said: "Take one whole dose of Memorial Park, Sunday, June 2. Avoid television and negative thoughts."

Imagine blue skies, green grass, and 10 of the best restaurants in town. Add jazz and rhythm and blues floating through the trees like jasmine, while children stand spell-bound by the fabulous magician and performer, Jean-Paul Valjean.

The Doctor is talking about the Albany Spring Festival.

Part of the festivities will include a wonderful art show, right there in the Veteran's Building. Want to participate? Give us a call...

But there's more. The festival will also include a charming historical exhibit featuring photographs of Old Albany, priceless memorabilia, and an exhibit about the Huchian people — the first residents of our town. Call 510-525-1771 for more information.

## New members

The Aegean Grill combines the very best of Greek, Armenian, and Turkish cuisine, offering meals that give new meaning to the term "culinary art."

Master Chef and owner Mikail Jebrial journeyed to Albany by way of Kayseri, Turkey, Berlin, Paris, and Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto, where he fused the classical influences of the Ottoman Imperial Courts, the provincial kitchens of Turkish Pashas, and the ancient and modern cuisine of Greece and Armenia into something that is both traditional and exceptional.

"You have to be in love to be a chef," Michael explained. "This is not a job — you must be moved, you must be inspired. That is the wonderful thing about being a chef. You can create wonderful dishes that bring people pleasure."

What could be more wonderful than that?"

See for yourself. Try the Arnisia Souvlaki, marinated lamb grilled with absolute perfection, served with fresh roasted vegetables and rice, or the Xifias Sharas — fresh grilled swordfish served with artichokes, asparagus, and fresh homemade bread. Actually everything prepared at the Aegean Grill is created from fresh ingredients, from yogurt to cheese,

sausages and pickles, to fresh daily baked bread and incredible deserts. The salads are also divine — try the Smyrna, for example: arugula, baby greens, tomatoes, pine nuts, figs, and lemon-wine dressing. And the deserts of the Aegean Grill are so incredible that they are now featured by Saul's Deli, Andronicos, and the Berkeley Bowl.

Located at 1403 Solano Ave., the Aegean Grill is open daily, lunch served from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., and dinner from 5:30 to 10 p.m. For more information, visit their Web site at: [www.aegeangrill.com](http://www.aegeangrill.com), or call: 510-559-9988.

Marilyn Pursley and Kathryn Hill — two of the most successful real estate agents and brokers in the entire Bay Area — joined seven other women and created Thornwall Properties 18 years ago. "We ran it cooperatively for many years," Kathryn Hill said. "Our mission from the beginning was to be honest, innovative, and caring professionals."

"Being in real estate, it is the most wonderful career in the world," Hill said. "Imagine, you experience the pleasure of dealing with people every day, and helping them with something that is very special in their lives. It's scary, but it's a huge growth experience. And when you see the look on their

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## POLICE REPORTS

## 2 arrests after string of 'taggings'

By K. Osborn  
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — At about 5 p.m. on April 2 a Camarillo man reported that his gold '94 Oldsmobile Cutlass had been stolen while parked on the 900 block of Kains Avenue. There were no witnesses to the theft.

On the evening of April 2 Oakland police reported locating a gold '90 Toyota Camry reported stolen from the 1000 block of Kains. The car was not damaged and they did not have anyone in custody. The owner was notified and the vehicle towed.

On the morning of April 3 a Ukiah man reported he had parked his red '90 Honda in front of a friend's home on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue the prior evening. When he went out for it was gone.

On the afternoon of April 3 officers stopped a black '02 Honda Accord at the Buchanan Street interchange for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 26-year-old Berkeley man, was found to have outstanding warrants from Contra Costa County for Failure to Appear in the amount of \$10,000. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear. The vehicle was towed.

On the afternoon of April 4 a resident on the 800 block of Ramona Avenue reported that during the morning vandals had broken the window of her home.

She did not see anyone do the damage.

Officers attempted to stop a red '90 Honda on the 500 block of Pierce Street for suspicious activity at about 12:30 a.m. on April 5. The driver evaded officers and later abandoned the vehicle, which turned out to be stolen. The subject was subsequently located and arrested. The 15-year-old Albany boy was charged with grand theft auto, possession of stolen property, failure to yield to an officer and driving without a license. He was transported to Juvenile Hall.

Officers took reports on two cars, parked in the vicinity of Garfield Avenue and Masonic Avenue, that had been vandalized with blue paint during the night of April 4.

At about 6 p.m. on April 5 officers responded to the 800 block of Carmel Avenue on reports of two subjects going through dumpsters and pocketing papers. Officers contacted the pair. One of the subjects, a 31-year-old El Cerrito man, was found to have outstanding warrants from Alameda County in the amount of \$2,283. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear. The second subject, a 28-year-old Kensington man, was found to be clear and allowed to depart.

At about 3 a.m. on April 6 officers observed two subjects running north through the yard

of a business on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway and "ging" vehicles. Both fled off but were subsequently located and arrested. A 23-year-old toman and a 21-year-old sonville man were charged with vandalism, interfering with one doing business and co-

At the afternoon of April 6 a resident on the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue reported during the night vandals at his home with red and paint balls.

At about 5:30 p.m. on April 6 a Jackson Street resident reported that within the previous thieves had broken into a white '91 Ford Explorer parked on the 600 block of Jackson Street and stole the stereo.

A Moraga woman reported that her maroon '89 Toyota Camry had been stolen on April 7 while parked on the 900 block of Ordway Street.

During the week of April 8 officers towed two vehicles responded to nine false alarms, attended three lost or damaged animals, and assisted five people who were locked out of house or car. In the downtown area, officers responded to civil disturbances and 117 calls. Officers stopped 13 vehicles or persons issuing citations and 54 warnings. A firefighter/paramedics responded to four medical emergencies.

## DUI suspect has another reason to hate Monday

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A 30-year-old El Cerrito man was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated at 11:17 p.m. at San Pablo Avenue near Hill Street on April 8. The man had three prior convictions for driving under the influence and was on probation for the offense. The man was booked for felony DUI and transported to the county jail in Martinez.

The rims of a 1995 Acura parked on the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue were stolen sometime between 9 p.m. April 1 and 8 a.m. on April 2.

A purse was stolen from El Cerrito Plaza sometime between 2 and 3 p.m. on April 3.

Property was stolen from a Toyota Camry parked on Yosemite Avenue between 12 and 7 a.m. on March 31.

Property was stolen from a vehicle parked on the 700 block of Kearney Street sometime between 8:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. the night of April 3. There was also an attempt made to steal the vehicle.

A Nissan Sentra stolen from the 8800 block of El Dorado Street sometime between 6 p.m. March 31 and 1:30 p.m. the next

day was recovered a short time later on the 3400 block of Yosemite Avenue.

A stolen Toyota pick-up was recovered on the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard at 6:28 a.m. on March 31.

A stolen 1984 Toyota pick-up truck was recovered on the 3100 block of Carlson Boulevard at 5:14 p.m. on April 1.

Someone attempted to steal a 1989 Toyota Camry parked on the 900 block of Kearney Street sometime between 12 and 12:30 p.m. on April 3.

A stolen 1994 Nissan Altima was recovered on the 5200 block of Central Avenue at 8:40 p.m. on April 3.

A 1987 Nissan pick-up truck was stolen from the 500 block of Albemarle Street sometime between 7:30 p.m. and 6:15 a.m. the night of April 3. It was later located on the 5800 block of Avila Avenue.

A 1993 pick-up truck was stolen from the 6800 block of Lincoln Avenue sometime between 4 and 9:30 a.m. on April 3. It was later located on the 5800 block of San Diego Street.

An employee was arrested at 12 a.m. on March 29 on suspicion of stealing \$1200 from a

store on the 11000 block of San Pablo Avenue.

A man was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated and for possession of a controlled substance on April 1 at 1:40 a.m. on April 6 at Pablo and Ohio avenues.

It was reported at 7:21 a.m. on March 24 that two rocks thrown through the front window of a residence on the 7300 block of Schmidt Lane.

A man was arrested shoplifting from a store on the 10600 block of San Pablo Avenue at 6:40 p.m. on March 27.

It was reported at 9:45 a.m. on March 29 that a stereo stolen from a vehicle on the 1000 block of Avila Avenue.

A man was arrested on suspicion of being intoxicated and public on a playground on 11000 block of San Pablo Avenue at 4:15 p.m. on March 20.

A man was arrested on suspicion of possessing heroin when he was passed out in his van at San Pablo Avenue and Central Boulevard at 5:19 p.m. on April 2. Police found the man who was passed out and blocking traffic and booked him into county jail.

parent Burke Trieschmann.

Adult tickets are \$15 and include two free drinks; a family ticket is \$30 and includes free drinks per person up to five people; and children's tickets are \$5. To order tickets e-mail [ica@robjohnson.net](mailto:ica@robjohnson.net) or call 559-8969.

## Albany SchoolCARE sets music benefit

A benefit for Albany SchoolCARE featuring live music and dancing, snacks, deserts, beer, wine and soda will be held from 7:30 to 11 p.m., Friday, April 19 at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. SchoolCARE (Citizens of Albany to Rescue Education) is a grassroots group

of teachers and parents that raises money for Albany schools.

Albany's Family Pub Night will include Chameleon, a Celtic and traditional music and dance group, along with Cole Valley Ramblers, a bluegrass, acoustic rock and folk ensemble featuring Marin Elementary School

parent Burke Trieschmann.

Adult tickets are \$15 and include two free drinks; a family ticket is \$30 and includes free drinks per person up to five people; and children's tickets are \$5. To order tickets e-mail [ica@robjohnson.net](mailto:ica@robjohnson.net) or call 559-8969.

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## IN BRIEF

## Creek workshops offered to Contra Costa educators

RICHMOND — A respected nonprofit group is offering hands-on environmental training this month to Contra Costa County educators interested in bringing an understanding of the region's creeks and watersheds to their students.

Aquatic Outreach Institute program coordinator Christin Jolicoeur said the Kids in Creeks workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on two consecutive Saturdays starting April 27 at Baxter Creek and the University of California, Berkeley Field Station in Richmond.

Jolicoeur said participants in the program will learn to monitor water quality, stencil storm drains, identify native California plants, sample for aquatic insects and teach about creeks and watersheds across the curriculum. She says participants in the program, whether formal or non-formal educators, will gain access to grant funds of up to \$2,000 to carry out their own creek- and garden-related projects.

Pre-registration, which is required, costs \$25 and includes a curriculum guide and extensive resource materials. Jolicoeur said individuals can register by downloading a registration form at <http://www.aoinstitute.org> or by contacting Scott Weintraub at the institute, where his phone number is 510-231-5655.

## Service clubs holding night at the theater

ALBANY — "Oliver! and More!" is a cultural event sponsored by the Albany Soroptimist and Rotary clubs set for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9 at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. at Mooser in El Cerrito.

Enjoy CCCT's production of the award-winning play, as well as a silent auction, complimentary desserts and coffee, and no host bar at this event sponsored by the Albany Soroptimist and Rotary clubs. The silent auction starts at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. the curtain rises on the musical "Oliver!" The silent auction will conclude during intermission. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors and children, \$100 for four-ticket family package. All proceeds from the event are used to fund Soroptimist and Rotary community service projects.

For more information call Cathy Lee at 524-6308, or drop in and purchase tickets at the Albany Adult School, 601 San Gabriel Ave. or contact a friend who is an Albany Soroptimist or Rotarian.

## Puppets in the Park' day for the family

EL CERRITO — On Saturday, April 13 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Berkeley Hills Nursery School will present the second annual Puppets in the Park community event, featuring an exciting circus adventure with The Puppet Company in Arlington Park on Arlington Boulevard.

Young and old alike will enjoy a host of entertainers, a magician, balloon creations by Nantiz the Clown and Boris the Travelling Minstrel. Pack a lunch and bring the whole family to this entertainment extravaganza featuring The Puppet Company and friends.

In addition, raffle tickets are being sold for prizes donated by restaurants, theatres and businesses from all over the Bay Area. Puppets in the Park is a great way to spend a family in our community, supporting a preschool that serves Oakland, Berkeley, Kensington, Albany and El Cerrito families. For more information or raffle tickets call 510-548-9248.

## Postal Service offers tax filing tips

Taxpayers have one week left to file their state and federal tax forms and U.S. Postal Service officials are offering advice for sending last-minute tax returns.

Officials say the Postal Service processes mail around the clock and on weekends. Tax filers are encouraged to drop off their mailings over the weekend in order to avoid the mad dash to the post office on Monday, April 15.

As an added convenience to give taxpayers a little peace of mind, the IRS will accept the postmark on Priority Mail with Delivery Confirmation service as validation of timely filing. Priority Mail with Delivery Confirmation service provides a receipt of mailing for record-keeping purposes and allows the customer to confirm online at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com), or through the toll-free number 800-222-1811, that the mail was delivered to the IRS.

In addition, Certified Mail provides proof of mailing and delivery of tax returns. Certified Mail is available only for First-Class Mail or Priority Mail.

The postal service also offers the following tips to help customers file their taxes on time:

■ Mail before April 15 and mail early in the day.

■ Post offices have a limited supply of tax forms. Obtain any forms needed from the IRS or State Franchise Tax Board in plenty of time to file returns.

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## Soroptimists set chef show and wine tasting

RICHMOND — Soroptimist International of Richmond, the world's largest service organization for business and professional women, will host "Culinary Career — annual Chef Show and Wine Tasting" on Sunday, April 21, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Admission is \$30, for reservations prior to the event and \$35 at the door. The event will take place at Rockefeller Lodge, 2650 Market St., San Pablo.

Prominent chefs and caterers from the bay area will serve appetizers, entrees and desserts and noted vintners will showcase their wines. Breweries are also donating their fine beer.

A partial list restaurants and caterers participating include: hotel Mac, Chez Panisse Salute Restaurant, La Strada, Casino San Pablo Broiler, Bear Claw Bakery, Andronico's, Contra Costa College Gourmet Bakery, Bianco's

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## Dog-mauling case teaches a lesson: Be prepared

THERE ARE IMPORTANT lessons to be learned from the San Francisco dog-mauling case that recently resulted in a verdict of second-degree murder for one of the dog's owners.

One thing the case should tell us is that we should take threats from clearly dangerous dogs seriously.

Even a minor bite should be followed by at least a talk with the animal's owners, and the filing of a police report. If you still have to be in the dog's vicinity, it would be a good idea to carry some means of protection, such as pepper spray.

Bob Weaver, proprietor of the Old West Gun Room in El Cerrito, says that while mace affects humans, it is useless on dogs, although it. The pepper spray has mace with it, so it is definitely the better choice. You can buy a can of pepper spray at the gun room for \$12.75. (A buyer must be 18 years of age.) Cheap enough to give some peace of mind and maybe save your life or that of another.

I know an Albanian who carries pepper spray and says he has turned away threatening people twice by just aiming the container at them.

If you use a cane, as I do, you have an excellent means of defense against any number of dogs. (The law won't let me pack a rod, but my staff comforts me.) Dogs are very wary of sticks or of anything in your hand if you take a defensive posture that makes it clear to them you will stand and fight.

Twice in recent years I have been set on by pairs of large dogs. On both occasions I pointed my cane at the end of the lead dog's nose. This brought them both up short. A dog has no hands with which to disarm you, and knows it.

Dogs are pack animals, and



DAVE GREER  
Man About Town

if you hold off the leader, they all stop, although one may try to work around behind you. I walked right through a pack of four or five aggressive dogs for several years going to and from work nights at Mandrake's at 10th Street and University Avenue in Berkeley.

I carried my doorman's club in a paper bag and displayed it to the mutts when they came after me. That, and reminding them they were all sons of b—, was all it took to keep them off me.

Even though these dogs never got near me, they didn't quit trying. The closest they came was when I was assisting an inebriated friend to my car. They sensed a kill, but they didn't quite get it.

Like most human bullies, dog bullies are cowards, or — as they doubtless see it — pragmatists. People who try to intimidate others have an ego involvement to consider that dogs don't. When they think the odds are against them — and they are very good at judging them — they back off. Unless, of course, they are trained attack dogs, but these are almost always under the control of police officers.

If you are set upon by a dog, do not run unless you are absolutely sure you can win the race to safety. If you run and he catches you, you will certainly be bitten. The best thing to do is to look for a stick or almost anything you can lift — furniture, a box, a garbage can,

a bike or stroller, a rolled newspaper or magazine, and forcefully block and threaten him with it.

Remember, the only way a dog can hurt you is with his teeth; he is a land shark. This puts him at a great disadvantage, but only if you keep your head and stand your ground. Not being mentally prepared and panicking are what will do you in.

**WARNING:** Read no further if the idea of injuring a dog even in defense of your life offends you. To stop a serious dog attack you may have to hurt him badly, but bear in mind he is going to be destroyed for it anyhow.

I am a dog lover who has owned seven dogs, but I'm not about to let one or more of them maul or kill me. I have talked to veterinarians, animal shelter workers, dog breeders and police dog handlers. They confirmed what I learned over the years in which I have dealt with dogs. If you know what you are doing, you can defend yourself and probably won't have to hurt the animal.

None of the people I talked to thought it was wise to follow the advice of some alleged experts who recommend avoiding eye contact and standing still while an aggressive dog decides whether or not he wants you for lunch. Any dog that goes for you when you look at him is trouble.

Advice about lying on the ground in a fetal position and letting some mutt chew on you is suicidal. Diane Whipple was bitten to death on the ground. If you go down, get up immediately so you have mobility and can kick.

Dogs have delicate legs, and if you can disable one by kicking or stomping down the attack will be over. Fighting

wolves try to snap each other's legs. Dogs also have very sensitive noses, and a good crack on the end of the snout may remind an attacker of business elsewhere.

If a dog gets close enough to leap at your throat and face, block him with your forearm. This is known as "feeding him an arm." You will be bitten on the arm, but that's better than your throat or face.

If the dog is hanging on your arm, jab him in the eyes with your first two fingers until he lets go. Then kick him. And if you carry a knife that can be opened with one hand — and there are good, legal types available — this would be the time to introduce him to it.

I have headed off dog attacks several times by taking a defensive posture with my pocket knife held in front of me. The animals probably did not know what I was holding as their sight is quite poor, but they knew by my stance I had something dangerous to them.

About anything in your hand that gives you confidence will do. Even a shoe or belt might work for you. This is all ugly work; however, with increasing numbers of dogs biting an estimated six million people a year, it is better to be prepared than disfigured or dead.

Children, the infirm, and the elderly are most at risk, but we are all potential victims. The good news is that dogs can be kept at bay relatively easily if you know how to do it. And a fight with a dog can be won if you keep your head and do what needs to be done. So be ready: The Diane Whipple case has taught us how much we can depend on others for assistance when the chips are down.

## Scoops for Schools event is April 28

The Albany Education Foundation invites family, friends and neighbors to its annual ice cream social, Scoops for Schools, on Sunday, April 28, from 1-4 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1217 Marin Ave.

Organizers say the popular event of music, art and ice cream is the AEF's opportunity to thank its donors, volunteers, and grant recipients for all of the support the organization receives during the year.

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Barbara and Marty Kaplan are two incredibly skilled professionals and long-term residents of Albany, each with talents that complement the other.

Marty is an organizational consultant with Avista Consult-

ing, a profession he loves and has pursued with passion for 30 years. "It's a joy, really," Marty said, "when you can help facilitate real dialogue within a company or a firm, and can help get people talking and figuring out ways to adopt to changing business conditions, it's great, it's a lot of fun."

Marty has done a lot of consulting work with the construction industry, health care providers, universities, and in the publishing industry. A long-term resident of Albany, Marty is also an avid cyclist. You might see him battling Marin Avenue, a challenge he often accepts, pedaling his way straight up hill all the way to Grizzly Peak.

Yet Marty's true passion is his relationship with wife, Barbara, a hard-working professional if there ever was one. Barbara is the Publisher of

Dance Magazine, what many consider the premier dance publication in the country.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary in June, Dance Magazine combined forces with American Dancer in 1927, and has dominated the field ever since. For many years, Dance was a family-run business — Barbara's family, in fact, Barbara beginning her work there in 1978, and has been the publisher there for four years now. She also has 20 years of experience directing non-profit art organizations.

The Chinese Art Ministry recently invited the Kaplans to visit China, one of many destinations visited by this busy couple from Albany.

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### Tending our garden

**S**ATURDAY MORNINGS in spring are the perfect time for getting out in the garden. On April 22, the equivalent of a morning in the public's "gardens" can earn you a greater sense of pride and ownership in your community.

April 22 is when El Cerrito celebrates Earth Day with its annual morning cleanup of public areas at parks along streets and creeks, on school grounds. The event brings out hundreds of community members who clean, weed, plant and paint.

The event requires no more effort than would a morning working in your yard and the payoff will extend beyond the free barbecue lunch at the event's conclusion.

El Cerrito's Earth Day is a perfect time to devote a few hours to improving where you live and it is the perfect event for families to teach their children the value of community service. Imagine the pride your family can experience in the coming weeks and even years on seeing freshly planted and cleaned areas grow with new life. Imagine the feeling of knowing you played a role each time you walk, jog (or even drive) by and see the results. Imagine the invaluable lesson your children can learn about their part of being caretakers of where they live.

The celebration exemplifies Earth Day at its most basic, yet most important level: doing something to make your environment — everyone's environment — better. It exemplifies a community's pride, caring and concern for where it lives. Come spend a few hours, meet some like-minded folks and be a part of it.

### Good admission news

**O**NE OF THE NEWS stories that deserved better play than it has received is that revelation that minority admissions at the University of California this year topped the 1997 level. That is significant because 1997 was the last year of admissions before the UC system initiated a ban on admissions based on racial preferences.

Contrary to many dire and even hysterical predictions at the time, neither the UC ban nor the passage by the voters in 1996 of Proposition 209 has crippled minority representation on the state's top college campuses. In fact, we believe that it has created an environment in which minorities can better succeed and flourish.

More than 19 percent of the students admitted to UC schools last year were minorities with Latinos setting a record for the second straight year.

It is true that minority admissions dropped in the few years following the ban and passage of Prop. 209, but that clearly was a temporary anomaly that existed while the UC system learned to deal with its new reality. The system has generally done a good job dealing with that new reality.

The increase in minority admissions to the UC system over the last couple of years is caused by a combination of factors. One of those factors is the ever-changing demographics of the state of California, which continues to become more ethnically diverse every year. It continues to provide a larger pool of minority applicants.

Another important factor is that the university system made concerted efforts over the last few years to reach out to underrepresented minorities. While they did not offer preferences for admission based on race, they spent a great deal of time and energy actively recruiting minority students to apply to the UC system. Again, such action enlarges the pool of minority applicants.

There have been other factors as well, some of which were imposed by the Legislature. Many factors have worked in concert to bring about this representation increase and they have done so without being unfair to white students.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, who has frequently criticized the university, offered his praise for the improved numbers, but warned that there is more to do. We agree with him.

The UC ban on preferences is often incorrectly characterized as a ban on affirmative action. But it wasn't a ban on affirmative action — it was a ban simply on using race as a basis for admission.

Affirmative action still exists today in many, many forms. It offers minority students opportunities to get aid and assistance they might need so that they may avail themselves of a quality education.

These increasing numbers are a good sign we expect that they will continue to climb for some time to come. The UC system should keep up the good work.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Terrorists in fur

It's about time the authorities cracked down on irresponsible dog owners.

I have not forgotten the time that five pit bulls chased me into busy traffic, nearly getting me killed. I have not forgotten the big Rottweiler that wouldn't let me leave my house for work one morning.

I have not forgotten the man teasing a little puppy that looked to him for love, and telling me he did it to make him mean, "so he'll be a good guard dog."

And none of us should ever forget the little Richmond boy who will go through life scarred, traumatized, and without ears, because of battle-trained dogs mauling him.

Now we have murder-by-canine to add to the list of horrors. Enough!

There are sane ways to raise a dog to know the difference between a dangerous intruder and a resident passing on the street. There are sane ways to vent your aggression without training animals to shed their blood for your sorry pride.

People who raise innocent beasts to be their hit-men deserve the same penalty as someone who trains terrorists and lets them loose upon the world.

Dolores J. Nurss  
El Cerrito

#### Accuracy problem

Perhaps in some alternate universe my car was reported stolen from the 1100 block of Garfield Street, in Albany — but as for the here and now, my car was "broken into" on the 1100 block of Garfield "Avenue."

I realize that compared to the large issues of the world, these points are rather minor. But if the Journal can't get these simple facts straight, dare we trust the accuracy of anything else you publish?

Ellen Jeffers  
Albany

#### Peace formula

Here is what must be done to end terrorism:

- Establish a Palestinian state.
- Bring in U.N. peacekeeping troops to enforce non-violence in Israel/Palestine while peace agreements are being made and fully carried out. End any further U.S. military supplies to Israel.

- Provide humanitarian aid to get the Palestinians out of refugee camps. End the Israeli policy of denying them building permits, then demolishing their homes. Define moneys for compensating Israeli settlers who must vacate their illegal settlements.

- Ariel Sharon must step down from power. He is the very architect of the illegal Israeli settlements and is the greatest obstacle to peace.

- President Bush must cultivate relations with Israeli and Palestinian peace organizations, which have steadfastly

maintained dialogue despite the violent extremists on both sides. Give more news coverage to these organizations to publicize that good will exists. See a listing at [www.ariga.com](http://www.ariga.com).

When the Palestinians can build homes for themselves, we will not need to spend billions of tax dollars on security systems, military build-up, shadow governments, or attacking Iraq.

The Palestinians can begin to live in dignity, and Israelis — and the rest of the world — can begin to live without the fear of terrorism.

Nancy Kiang  
Kensington

#### Facts for taxpayers

Here are a few facts taxpayers of El Cerrito (and other cities in California) need to know about a city's redevelopment agency.

Redevelopment agencies came into being in 1948 to remedy wartime neglect. At that time, voters approved a state law providing for those agencies to eliminate blight in our cities.

One of the most odious features of the redevelopment agencies is the power of eminent domain, which can force a person or a business to surrender their property, possibly over their objection. It may be said that the agencies are autocratic and may violate personal rights.

When property is seized to promote a new business or public housing, the property taxes from that location do not go to city treasuries but back to the redevelopment agencies, placing a greater burden on the other taxpayers.

Today, the El Cerrito Plaza has shown great development without tax money. A city needs to provide but three things: fire protection, police services and an honest city government — nothing more.

John Hogan  
El Cerrito

#### Let's stop this war!

We may be ignoring our real enemies in the Middle East just because it seems hard to focus our eyes on our "friends" long enough to see them as they really are behind their fine clothes.

Far easier just to vent our rage on the more vulnerable and miserable rebels, protesters, guerrillas, insurgents, gypsies, migrants, darker skinned non-Christians. Far easier just to close our eyes and pull the triggers or drop the bombs.

I'm not much impressed by our murder of thousands of civilians in Afghanistan or our other so-called successes there.

Let us stop this miserable World War III.

Terry Cochrell  
Berkeley

#### Help poor children

Some 12 million U.S. children under

the age of 18, about 16 percent, live in poverty, defined by the government as income below \$17,650 for a family of four. Undernourished children may suffer irreversible cognitive and psychological impairment.

Deborah Weinstein of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) said, "Other countries do a better job of protecting their children than the United States does. We don't do as much as other countries in terms of children's allowances or family allowances through the tax system or social service system, and we don't offer the kind of income supplements or wage supplements that are offered in other countries."

CDF is a private, nonprofit organization that lobbies on behalf of children. To learn how your church or organization may endorse the CDF, or to learn about the Movement to Leave No Child Behind, log onto [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org). Deena Lahn is the director of the Oakland office. She can be reached at 510-663-3224.

Joan Bartulovic  
El Cerrito

#### Ignoring reality

President Bush thinks he knows about the evil souls of terrorists. He and Donald Rumsfeld spend much face time teaching us that suicide bombers are serious fanatics.

But if all Americans were required to read and discuss intelligently the newspaper stories about Wafa Idriss, a new woman Palestinian suicideist, I think Bush and his expanding war on terrorism would be laughed out of the White House. Idriss was an ordinary, not very successful 28-year-old woman, driven to terminal despair by the Israeli war effort against the Palestinians.

Her family lives in a forlorn refugee camp. She saw people, including children, blown to bits before her eyes by a Mid-East superpower.

She attended to the suffering, as a Red Cross volunteer. Exactly as Ariel Sharon and Bush ordained it, she could envision no future for her people or herself — an endless war, suffering, death, pain, humiliation and failure.

She wasn't a political activist. In the end, her mother was proud she sacrificed of her life, as many of us might be if we were our child.

We dehumanize people and set them on the desperate path to bomb us.

This is not al-Qaida. It's the harsh reality we ignore.

Marc Sap  
Berkeley

#### Thanks for generosity

On behalf of the Albany Educational Foundation, I want to thank Sam and Philip Chin for generously offering the

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— Thomas Jefferson, 1787



# Lasting legacies inspired by young lives that were cut short

HOW DO YOU measure a person's life? If you only measure by years, Marjory Bidwell and Gabe Catalfo didn't amount to much. They died from acute neuroblastoma before she reached her 10th birthday, and he died from leukemia before he was 10.

But if you measure a life by the positive impact it had on others, then Marjory and Gabe were right to the head of the class.

She was a delightful little girl, even though she's now gone for four years, is still remembered fondly by all the staff at Children's Hospital. They still smile when they talk about how much she loved wearing dress-up: beads, frilly dresses, the works. Even on days when she was feeling restless, she always clutched her cherished change purse to her side.

She used it to carry coins, but in the candy machines," she mom, Rose Barrett, never ate the candy because she was too sick to have an appetite, but she loved using those coins in the machines anyway."

Gabe was a supremely talented athlete, one of those people



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

ple who can pick up a sport for the first time and immediately be better at it than people who have been playing it their whole lives. His sister Jessamyn remembers how he would play the first half of a soccer game, then race to the gym at halftime to wrestle for the school wrestling team, then race back to the soccer field to play the second half.

All this time, he was battling leukemia and the side effects of his medication. "But he was determined not to let any of it get in the way of having fun," says Jessamyn.

We'll never have the pleasure of watching Gabe lead the U.S. soccer team to the gold medal in the 2005 World Cup. And we'll never see the stunning fashions Marjory would have created when she grew up to be a designer. (Whether she would have done this before or

after her two terms in the White House is an open question.) But they left a different kind of legacy, by changing the lives of the people who knew them.

Inspired by Marjory's courage, her mom continues to support the other kids in the oncology ward. Every Halloween — Marjory's favorite holiday — she brings them trick-or-treat packages. And every year on Marjory's birthday, she brings them toys.

Meanwhile, Marjory's best friend, Britt Lindberg, is now 7. This year, she took all the presents she got for her birthday and donated them to the kids at Children's Hospital in Marjory's memory.

Gabe's parents were the moving force behind the creation of Gabe Catalfo Field at Harrison Park (on the Berkeley/Albany border), turning a dangerous patch of weeds and debris into a safe playing field for children, complete with lights. It's the kind of field Gabe would have enjoyed playing on.

But it's his friends who provided the best tribute. They are seven amazing young women — all jocks, just like Gabe — named Mia Arakaki, Alice

Brugger, Mariko Holland, Esther Schmidt, Rachel Williams, Chelsea Zussman and Gabriela Casal. Collectively, they call themselves the Berkeley Breeze.

All of them are long-distance runners — except Gabriella, who blew out her knees in a skiing accident, so she became the team manager. And they ran with a purpose: to raise money to build a germ-free common room at Children's Hospital, where kids with severely compromised immune systems, like Gabe and Marjory, can hang out, play video games or just be kids together.

"We'd go visit Gabe, and he'd be stuck in his little room all day," recalls Gabriela. "So was every other kid on the floor. It was like they were all in jail."

So they ran. And ran. And ran. Their total take: more than \$30,000, enough to provide seed money for the project. Last Friday, the Marjory Bidwell/Gabe Catalfo Immunocompromised Patient Unit was officially opened at Children's Hospital.

(Actually, it's been up and running for almost three months — "as soon as the paint

was dry," says Children's Hospital CEO Tony Paap. But this was the official ribbon cutting.)

"It's making all the difference in the lives of these children," says staffer Rebecca Rice. "To see them laughing and playing with each other like this, instead of just lying all day in their lonely rooms ..."

The ribbon was cut by two current residents of the unit, Sherrie Poats and Nicole Jones. Marjory's mom was there for the occasion, and so were Gabe's parents and sisters.

Marjory's friend, Britt Lindberg, couldn't make it; she had to be in school. Neither could most of the Berkeley Breeze; they're now freshmen in college, scattered all over the country. The only one who could come was Gabriela, who drove up from UC Santa Cruz for the day. But they're all in constant e-mail contact, and after the ceremony she rushed off to send them a detailed report.

Mia is at Yale, playing for the varsity soccer team. Mariko is studying Japanese at Vassar. Chelsea is immersing herself in sorority life at Michigan. Esther is at Wisconsin, exploring a newfound passion for wilderness programs. Alice is in film

school at UCLA. Rachel is rowing for the varsity crew at Wesleyan. And Gabriela is teaching Salsa dancing while she studies Latin American culture at Santa Cruz.

As for Britt, she's a curious second-grader with compassion beyond her years. Even though she was only 3 when Marjory died, she remembers her friend and misses her.

For both Marjory and Gabe's parents, it's a great comfort to see some of their children's spirit in their young friends. "Gabriela is like a daughter to us, and the others are also good friends," says Gabe's father, Phil Catalfo. "We already knew they were great people, but now we're just in awe of them."

Britt and the Breeze are honoring Marjory and Gabe's memories, not by living the life they would have lived, but by living their own lives to the fullest.

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## Scottish Fiddlers to entertain

By Mary Reiley  
STAFF WRITER

Don't let the name fool you. The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers has talented musicians from around the Bay Area, including Cerrito, San Pablo and Berkeley, and from throughout the region. Some come from as far as Oregon, Colorado, Ohio and even Nevada to play the music they

that in on a rehearsal recently. "I was enchanted by the spirit and family that prevails among the players. Members range in age from children to seniors, with professional musicians and amateurs. The group is preparing for a series of concerts, the first scheduled for 8 p.m. today at the Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland.

The Scottish Fiddlers group, directed by master fiddler Blair Fraser, described by one of the best to come out of Scotland. He lives in Northern California with his wife Sally Ashcraft, and their children, and his work can be seen in films such as "Titanic," "The Last of the Mohicans," as well as on several albums and concert videos. He and Fraser are the founders of Hummie Records.

Fraser uses his fiddle to demonstrate a style or feeling, and wants the players to put into it music. He used humor to make the best from the 75 or so players at the rehearsal I attended. "I like this groove

we're building on," he said with a twinkle in his eye. "Does someone have a way of recapitulating that?"

The "groove" kept going as the players worked on traditional tunes for the concert, such as "Highland Laddies" and "Farewell to the Creeks."

Fiddler Shelly Romalis of Berkeley calls Fraser an "amazing" musical director.

"We appreciate his talents and feel privileged to be part of the group he started in his living room in 1986," she said.

While she was living in Canada, Romalis fell in love with Cape Breton music, a percussive style of the Highland Scottish tradition. She wanted to play the music and started looking for a group to join. While visiting the Bay Area, she found the fiddlers in a roundabout way, through a phone book listing for a Scottish dance group. Regardless of the route, she's glad to have made the connection.

Romalis happily traveled from Toronto to the Bay Area for various Fiddlers' events before moving to Berkeley. For her, being part of the group was worth the time and effort.

"This club is not just about the music but about community," she said. "No matter what level of competence, professional to beginner, you are welcome."

Now she coordinates the concerts for the group. One of her biggest challenges, she

said, is to figure out how to fit 100 people on a stage.

Friday's concert will be followed by another at 8 p.m. Saturday in Santa Rosa, and a matinee at 3 p.m. April 14 in San Francisco.

Besides fiddles, the music will come from a piano, harp, bass fiddle, cellos, guitars and percussion. A nyckelharpa, a Scandinavian instrument akin to the fiddle, also will be featured.

In the percussion section, a tambourine, the Celtic bodhran drums, an African djembe drum and a smaller dumbek will keep rhythm, along with any toe-tapping that may spontaneously erupt in the audience.

Dr. Connie Gaultier Muir, president of the group and a family practitioner in Berkeley, explained for me the difference between a violin and a fiddle.

"It's in the attitude of the musician and what kind of music you play," she said.

Much of what fiddlers play comes from folk tradition, passed on by ear rather than written down, Gaultier Muir said, with spontaneous improvisation. Classical musicians, on the other hand, play music that has been written down with exact notation.

"In fiddle music, there's



STEVE BASULJAK/STAFF

AT A RECENT REHEARSAL Kathy Selby of Berkeley, right, warms up with other members of the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers before they perform at the Claremont House retirement community in Oakland. In the background are Connie Muir, left and Mary Margaret McMurtry.

more freedom for the musician to change it depending on the mood, to embellish and add to it and alter its mood."

The concerts will include marches, airs, jigs and reels, with solos by Fraser and others in the group, a little singing and some step-dancing.

Tickets for the performances are \$18 general and \$15 students and seniors.

The Santa Rosa concert will be in the Jackson Theater at Sonoma Country Day School, 4400 Day School Place. Call 707-527-0693 for information or tickets.

The April 14 performance will be at San Francisco's Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave.

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NEW AT PORTOLA:

Melanie Spears, right, started her new post as principal of Portola Middle School, in El Cerrito on Monday. During lunch she went out to get acquainted with the students, like Alvin Collins a seventh grader. Previously Spears was the principal of Ford Elementary School in Richmond.

HERMAN BUSTAMANTE JR./STAFF



EL CERRITO PTA NEWS

Bayside Council

April 15, Meeting and elections - 7 p.m. in the faculty room at Pinole Middle School. Guests include Terry Jackson, UTR President and Meiko Lee from the East Bay Center for Performing Arts.

Adams Middle School

Join the PTA for \$7 per member. Send your payment of \$7 per member and include the member's name, address, phone number, student's name, along with the e-mail address. Send in your membership to Adams PTA, 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond, CA 94805. PTA Voice Message Box: Weekly updates of what is happening at school. The number to call is (510) 464-1360, ext 70. E-mail Group - Weekly e-mail bulletins sent. Send your e-mail address to cchan2429@aol.com

Harding Elementary

Thursday is Pizza Night. Order a pizza from Pizza Roma 13616 San Pablo Ave. in the Mooser Lane shopping center, and mention that its for Harding and 25 percent will go to the school. Pizza Roma's phone number is 525-9554. Share old and new traditions at Harding's annual Multi-cultural Night on May 2 in the school lunchroom. Bring

a dish, sing a song, tell a story or share something of your culture with others while learning about theirs. Details: Julie, 510-235-1952.

Castro Elementary

April 8-19, Third Grade Swim - attention all third graders...don't forget your towels and swimsuits everyday. April 15, Site Council Meeting, 3 p.m. in the library. April 19, Science Fair Projects due, 8:30am in the multipurpose room. April 25, Science Fair Awards Ceremony, 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Fundraisers: Castro is enrolled in eScrip (ID#137627554), Albertson's, Target, and SchoolPop fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Castro when you shop.

El Cerrito High

ECHS is having its annual spring cleanup this Saturday, April 13, from 10-2 p.m. The students will be concentrating on the front of the school and the much needed area on Ashbury Avenue. Parents are asked to bring gardening equipment. The Junior Prom is being held at the Radisson Hotel in the Berkeley Marina on Friday, April 19. The Senior Ball is being held at the Grand Hyatt, Union Square in San Francisco on Saturday,

April 27. Tickets are on sale at the cashier's window.

Reno Trip tickets are now available. The Reno Turn-around is on Saturday May 11. For \$35, you get a ride on a charter bus, \$16 cash back and \$2 in food money. Support the Class of 02 by buying a ticket today. For tickets, either call the school at 510-525-0234 ext. 3661 or email Rachel Sacher at rsacher@wccusd.k12.ca.us.

NEW SCRIP SALES: El Cerrito High School PTSA is enrolled in the eScrip program. Our group ID is 5221087. Keep informed: Join the ECHS e-mail forum. To sign up, please e-mail Joann Stack-Bayat at jsbayat@atbi.com.

Portola Middle School

April 18, PTA meeting - 7:15 p.m. in the library. Next year's budget will be reviewed.

Teen Center - Monday through Thursday from 3p.m. to 5p.m. at the Community Center. Fee - \$6 drop in or \$50 monthly. Great activities, trips and special events. Call 215-4370 for more information.

E-mail forum - school information and meeting notices direct to your e-mail box. Send your e-mail address and request to be on the mail list to Kathy Travlos travlos@dnai.com.

Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 237-6183 or e-mail: ltakimoto@yahoo.com

ALBANY PTA NEWS

SchoolCARE

April 19, Musical Pub Night to restore programs in Albany schools, 7-11p.m., Albany Community Center, tickets \$15/adults, \$30/family, \$5/child to reserve call 510-559-8989 or email monica@robjohnson.net

Albany High School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Molly Mitchell at mmm1123@aol.com April 20, Junior/Senior Prom, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., San Francisco City Hall, CHAPERONES NEEDED, e-mail Junior Class at dimphys\_stuff@hotmail.com SCRIP Orders: Call Edna Shipley at 510-527-0745 or e-mail Edna at Ed-naming@aol.com

Albany Middle School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announce-

ments by e-mail. Contact Linda Okamoto at ltorn@earthlink.net April 15, Principal's Coffee, 8a.m. SCRIP Orders: Call Edna Shipley at 510-527-0745 or e-mail Edna at ed-naming@aol.com. REMINDER: Save and turn in General Mills boxtops for education to office.

Cornell Elementary School

Interested parents may receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Barbara Grady-Ayer at gradayer@aol.com April 17, PTA Meeting, 7p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room SCRIP: Call Mark Priven 510-528-2082 or e-mail privenest@pacbell.net

Marin Elementary School

Interested parents may receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Tree Stuber at marinertree@aol.com April 18, PTA Meeting, 7p.m., Marin

Staff Room Scrip Orders: Call Helene Class at 510-526-4902 or e-mail Helene at h.class@att.net Paper Scrip for sale in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. and Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.

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Ocean View Elementary

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The catalog arrived last week, tempting us with an invitation to leave behind our "daily concerns to be transformed into Oxford University scholars for a brief time." It won't work this year, but we just might end up in the class of '03 or '04.

There are 10 seminars in each of the two sessions beginning in July. Established in the 13th century, Merton College is where you live and study. Each seminar is limited to 12 participants and taught by an English don. The subjects range from "The Age of Elizabeth I to Shakespeare" to "The English Detective Story." You meet for a morning class, with the afternoons free to pursue independent studies or, in our case, independent pleasures.

Cal Extension's Travel With Scholars also offers educational programs in Havana, Cuba, to study history and culture; Trinity College, Ireland, to study mythic literature; London, to explore the theater scene; and still more adventures in Mexico, China, Australia, Italy and Tibet. I love the Paris Program where, I imagine, you learn how to hang out in a cafe, chain-smoking Gauloises while writing really bad existential poetry.

You can request a catalogue by calling 415-252-5229 or visiting online at [www.unex.berkeley.edu/travel](http://www.unex.berkeley.edu/travel).

Mary Ann and I didn't attend any seminars when we visited Santa Monica. We did, though, dine extremely well. Here's a postscript to my recent column about the city's restaurant scene.

The Border Grill is our favorite Santa Monica restaurant and always a first night's destination. Festively decorated with colorful, surrealistic murals from ceiling to floor, it's a fun place - always crowded, and the food is sensational. Chef Sal Cellura filled us up with so many creative surprises from the kitchen, we returned for lunch a day later just to order off the menu. Moderately priced, this is a terrific place for a family.

Best to leave the munchkins at home, though, if you plan a dinner at Melisse, unless they are going in on the bill. A Mobil Four Star-winner located on Wilshire Boulevard, Melisse, named for a lemon-scented herb in the Mediterranean, offers contemporary American/French cuisine. The chef - a talented local named Josiah Citrin (whose name is interestingly close to the French word for lemon, *citron*) - has more rave reviews and awards than Walt Disney has Oscars.

Melisse's formal decor was more than matched by the well-dressed and obviously well-heeled patrons. Sounds potentially stuffy, but a welcoming host, a charming server and a superb dinner proved it otherwise.

One tiny criticism: describing a particular dish as containing "fork-smashed avocados" is a bit much.

As firm believers of "sacrifice everything for atmosphere," we immediately fell in love with Jean Pierre Pieny's LA Farm.



MIKE CLEAR  
The Food and Travel Editor

An artist as well as a foodie, Jean Pierre took a corner building in an industrial area on West Olympic and transformed it into an utterly charming and magical Provençal den where he and his wife, like a family who has invited you to their country home, carrot-asparagus-scallop-tini with Absolut topping kicked off a memorable course tasting menu. Surrounded on all sides by art and TV company offices and studios, Jean Pierre has a jacent dining room and a bar that is open for lunch and described as a "hip indie hangout." We'll stick with the wine.

Someday soon, we will stay at the Casa Del Mar which started life in the 1900's as the Club Casa Mar, the fanciest of the beach clubs on Southern California's "Gold Coast."

Recently, the owners of \$60 million faithfully restored the Renaissance Revival into its old glory and the interior to reflect the glamorous era. This trip only visit to the hotel in a tour and an entertaining sumptuous lunch in the restaurant, Oceanfront.

It's elegant, super, the only thing missing is the Roaring '20s. It was Mary Ann wearing those satiny, body-hugging, backless flapper dresses.

Maybe next trip. Ch...

Briefs

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Deli, Home of Sonoma Cheese, Party Time Catering, Peet's Coffee and Tea, The Captain's Cottage, Cugini Restaurant, Uncle Chung's, Pear Street Bistro, and special guest Chef's, Ed Menosse, Jeff Allen Stein, and Joe Montana Sr.

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Each year Soropti...

bers select several agencies to support fundraising events held in the community. This year to club has awarded \$15,000 vice funds to West County Day Care/Alzheimer Research, Police Activities League, Police Activities League, Abuse Prevention, the Art Center, and \$4,500 to the Artist Scholarship fund for special projects.

For more information, reservations, call 510-2...

Letters

FROM PAGE A4

Solano Grill and Bar for our gala dinner on Feb. 18.

The fund-raising event provided needed money for Albany schools' grants as well as a fantastic, creative feast in a won-

derfully warm environment. We also thank the community for responding to our ongoing fundraising efforts. Their support is greatly appreciated.

Dianne McNenny  
Albany  
McNenny is the president of Albany Education Foundation.

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# A group for grown-ups who appreciate their dolls

**C**OLLECTING DOLLS can be a serious business, but it's also a lot of fun. Just ask the Gateview Dollers. Or President Reagan.

That would be Ellene Reagan, current president of the doll-collecting club.

She heard of the group about three years ago when the club had an exhibit at the Richmond Library.

"The ladies were so nice," Reagan says, "and the display was so good. I had heard of the group before, but had never gotten involved. This exhibit gave me a little push, so I got into it."

With sponsorship from an-

other member, Reagan attended the required three meetings and was voted in.

The club has programs every month, presentations for which members research the history of the dolls they have brought and cover everything from hairstyles and clothing and where and when the dolls were made to what was going on in the world at the time they were made.

Dollers members collect all kinds of dolls. Some specialize in particular types or eras, while others are generalists, like Reagan. But all share a passion for dolls.

At Reagan's home, for in-

## ALL DOLLED UP

The Gateview Dollers meet on the third Monday of each month, except July and August. For more information call 510-223-6534.

The United Federation of Doll Clubs is in Kansas City, Missouri. Telephone 816-891-7040 or [Hup://www.ufdc.org](http://www.ufdc.org).

stance, dolls have taken over and fill shelves everywhere. Born and raised in Richmond, she still lives there. She and her late husband, William, raised two daughters in Rich-

mond. She worked in San Francisco before staying home with her children, and later worked part-time for Macy's in Richmond.

Reagan started her collection with dolls from her childhood in the 1940s. Because of the war, dollmakers could not use the fine materials at that time, such as the lovely porcelain heads that were so popular before the war, so they used other materials. Most of her collection dates from the '40s and '50s.

"I am not so much into the newer dolls," she said, "although I do have a few. I have a very mixed collection."

There is one doll from about 1915, which belonged to her mother, plus some antique and some modern dolls.

She's well-versed in popular dolls such as the Nancy Ann dolls that were made for years in San Francisco.

And like many collectors, she covets the Gene dolls made by artist Mel Odom, for their fine craftsmanship. But they're expensive, Reagan says. She only buys them second-hand.

There are many doll clubs in the Bay Area, Reagan says. She even has a pen pal who's a collector in Germany, though the pastime is not as popular there. She also collects cream



CLARA-RAE GENSER  
Community Folk

pitchers and ceramic ladies shoes. She had other collections — but found they took up too much room.

*Do you know of an interesting person, place or group in the El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington area and would make a good subject for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My e-mail is [crgenser@aol.com](mailto:crgenser@aol.com).*

## Perks

FROM PAGE A1

**Administrators.** In California, districts have seen applications for superintendent jobs drop by about 60 percent in the past 10 years.

It's difficult to find a good fit between a superintendent and a community, Loveall said, and fewer candidates mean a district is less likely to find the kind of superintendent it wants.

Educators say the job has become less attractive because it has become more difficult. With new high-stakes accountability systems, superintendents are under intense public scrutiny and political pressure to improve student performance fast.

In California, superintendents can lose their jobs if the state does not see results. That's a big risk for a job that doesn't pay as well as private-sector positions with the same level of responsibility, said Bob Wells, executive director of the Association of California School Administrators.

"You look at school districts and there is no reward for great performance," he said. "You get to keep your job."

Those demands are even greater in large, urban school districts, which find it most difficult to attract superintendents. San Francisco's superintendent makes \$212,760. Oakland's earns \$180,000, and the Dallas school

board just raised its superintendent's salary to \$310,000 a year.

Johnston, West Contra Costa's schools chief, earns \$151,470, but her perks boost the total to more than \$200,000, including a car allowance, car maintenance and insurance, housing allowance, tax-deferred annuity and life insurance.

Although she says she's happy in West Contra Costa and has no plan to leave, Johnston gets calls from headhunters across the nation looking to fill superintendent spots in large, urban districts.

She works 80 to 100 hours a week, and the issues she confronts are more complex than in suburban districts, she said. In urban districts, it's harder to hire teachers and principals; students move around more from school to school, safety is a bigger issue, and she deals with five cities, plus unincorporated areas.

Moreover, superintendents can become a political target, she said.

"It takes a certain amount of courage and knowledge that people don't really mean it to be personal about you; it's more about the position," she said.

Leaders of more affluent, suburban districts have their own set of demands to deal with, namely, parents. Furstenthal, president of Acalanes' teachers union, said the public pressure on the Superintendent Randall Olson can be intense. Olson's salary is \$170,957, plus a \$3,000 transportation al-

lowance and \$6,000 tax-sheltered annuity. His is among the highest compensations in Contra Costa County, but district officials say it's average when compared to similar high school districts.

"I certainly think they deserve to be paid well," Furstenthal said. "They deserve to be competitive, but not hugely over other districts."

In Albany, a tight-knit enclave on the northwest edge of Berkeley, the search to replace retiring Superintendent Gary Mills generated so much interest that the school board appointed a citizens' committee to help vet candidates for the job. "Some (consultants) didn't recommend the committee," said Albany school board President David Farrell. "They said it'd scare away candidates."

But Albany isn't in the market for a leader who doesn't want to deal with its demanding and vocal parents, so the school board pressed ahead and hired a headhunter keen on community input.

Rudy Gatti, a retired Pleasanton and Santa Clara superintendent who now runs a one-man headhunting firm from his Danville home, is confident Albany will find a good match, though he worries the district won't be able to pay the price a good superintendent demands.

"The field is very narrow," Gatti said. "It's a high-turnover job, and a lot of people are retiring. They're tired of it."

Tired, he said, of answering to

## SCHOOL CHIEFS' COMPENSATION

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Albany	3,020	Gary Mills	\$140,000	\$2,400 transportation and expenses
Antioch Berkeley	20,613 9,427	Dennis Goettlich Michele B. Lawrence	\$140,780 \$185,000	\$8,100 transportation about \$14,400 a year interest on home loan
Livermore	13,899	Lorraine Garvey	\$152,640	\$4,800 transportation; \$7,632 tax-deferred annuity
Pleasanton	13,430	open	\$180,070 (last contract)	\$6,000 transportation, \$10,000 tax-deferred annuity, \$1,000 toward long-term care
San Ramon Valley	21,000	Robert Kessler	\$140,872	\$9,000 transportation
West Contra Costa	34,667	Gloria Johnston	\$151,470	\$9,000 transportation; car maintenance and insurance costs; \$12,000 housing; \$12,000 tax-deferred annuity; \$200,000 life insurance over four years (reimbursed if she dies)

the five bosses who make up the school board, tired of dealing with unions, tired of relying on state legislators to deliver the tools needed to get the test results that politicians and parents demand.

"A lot of superintendents are finding, like me, when I retired, I said to my board, 'I'm going to go out and make some money now,'" Gatti said. "The first year, I doubled my income."

One person's wage does not make a big dent in a district's bud-

get, but a superintendent's salary is always controversial if it's too high and not pegged to comparable increases for other employees, said Mary Perry, executive director of EdSource, an education think tank in Palo Alto.

Gary Hack, president of the Antioch Education Association, said the superintendent's salary is not at issue; it's the message the school board sends when it treats administrators differently from teachers. "The message the board

has given is they have money for administrators and not for teachers," he said. "That's where the priorities are."

School boards are starting to realize that they have to pay more for the kind of leadership they want, said Wells, of the Association of California School Administrators. "If you find the right leader, you might find teachers who otherwise wouldn't teach there say, 'I would follow her into war,'" he said.

## Fairmount

FROM PAGE A1

With the undergrounding, the city has seen an opportunity to spruce up the area, with plans — provided the money can be found — to install new, more attractive streetlights, benches, trash cans and trees as well as landscaping, and to make parking and street improvements.

In addition, the city is counting on BART to one day redevelop its parking lots near Richmond Street, as it's planning to do its Del Norte station.

"It would be great if they transformed the parking lots adjacent to their BART station into a nice mixed use development," said Dennis Carrington, the city's planning manager, "and what we would like to see is commercial frontage along Fairmount Avenue. It would be good revenue for BART, good revenue for the city and would be an attractive urban place."

"There have been plans in the past and I think ultimately there will be a structure where the

parking lot is and the edge of it facing Fairmount will be developed as shops," added Smith.

Last year, the city hired architectural design firm Design, Community and Environment which after working with residents in workshops, came up with a master plan that would implement changes in three phases. The City Council approved a draft of the plan at its April 1 meeting. A final version will be sent back to the council for approval after it is seen by the Planning Commission.

After PG&E undergrounds the utility lines on Fairmount Avenue, classically designed "Hartford" Street lamps will be installed in the first phase of the master plan. The second and third phases would include adding trees and street furniture, and making the area safer by narrowing the street at certain points and reconfiguring crosswalks.

The renovations would include sidewalk "bulb-outs" — round sidewalk extensions onto the street — at Kearney Street and in front of the post office that would slow traffic and provide

room for trees and some of the new street furniture, including benches, tree grates and trash cans.

"The idea is for the city to put effort into upgrading the street furniture and hopefully the character of the sidewalks and planters to make it little more like Solano Avenue — an intentional shopping, strolling, pedestrian-friendly street," said Smith.

The other parts of phase two include:

- A combination column post and streetlamp — called a "gateway column" — at San Pablo on the north side of Fairmount Avenue.
- A decrease of the width at the corner of Fairmount Avenue and Liberty Street to provide a more intimate sense of place, more space for a bus drop-off and allow the cross-walk to be perpendicular to Fairmount Avenue.
- A bus shelter in front of Mechanics Bank at San Pablo and Fairmount avenues.

In phase three, the changes would include:

- Putting bulb-outs in front

of the BART lot to accommodate diagonal parking, as AC Transit is going to eliminate the bus stop and bus lane in front of the station.

- Landscaping and widening the median from the BART right-of-way to Liberty Street in two parts to decrease the width of the street and accentuate "the boulevard feeling of Fairmount."
- Creating a crosswalk to BART where there are now three parking spaces near Liberty Street, as well as a bench, bike rack and street tree.
- Placing diagonal parking in front of R&R Auto Service near Richmond Street.
- Eliminating the right turn lane from Fairmount Avenue to Liberty Street and placing bulb-outs and diagonal parking, allowing the city to reconfigure the intersection to provide shorter crosswalks that are perpendicular to the streets.

Realigning and narrowing the Richmond Street and San Pablo Avenue intersections to improve pedestrian safety.

Minus the undergrounding, paid for by PG&E, the cost for all the improvements would be \$1.42 million. City Manager Scott Hanin said it's unknown how or where that money can be found, though the city could apply for

grants or put the project on the city's yearly improvements budget.

"It would be nice to do the project," said Hanin, "but right now we have to do planning to see how much it's going to cost. I hope we can fund it."

Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or at [alopez1@cctimes.com](mailto:alopez1@cctimes.com)

## Paws

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her, that her grades went to practically straight A's," said Henri. "I went to every single game — every home game, every away game, but I noticed the jerseys didn't match."

She wanted to find a new way of raising money for the athletics department and found her answer when in November of 2000, she heard from a relative working at a Fremont high school how successful their wall of honor was.

"This seems like a never-ending effort of raising money," thought Henri at the time. "Let's do something more meaningful that goes with the brand new high school, a brand new millennium."

A donor's \$100 buys a 5-inch by 5-inch paw, and \$300 buys one twice as big. Forty-five dollars of the smaller paws and \$100 of the larger paws are used for engrav-

ing and maintenance; the rest goes to the school. The money goes to a school department of the benefactor's choice.

Henri said the wall is popular with alumni, a number of whom have bought paws — among them former cheerleaders, and old-timers who attended Albany High School before it was even called that. The Albany Police and Fire departments have bought paws of their own.

## HOW TO HELP

For more information about the paws or the spirit items, call Roger Carlsen at 510-559-9148.

In addition to the paws, the Albany High Athletic Boosters is selling physical education clothing and Albany High School spirit items such as T-shirts, sweatshirts and caps.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

## Children

**Hall of Health, a Health Exhibit Museum**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., presents two free puppet shows at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, includes puppets from diverse cultures and puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness, arthritis, Down syndrome, leukemia, and aplasia bilida. The shows promote acceptance and understanding of physical, mental, medical and cultural differences. For more information, call 549-1564.

**Teen Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call PediatricCare at 531-7551.

**Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

**Hall of Health**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

**The City of El Cerrito**, offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

**LBGTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-788-6560 classes.

**The Ann Martin Children's Center** offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information, call 524-0821.

**Lawrence Hall of Science**, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations, and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lnsinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

**"Theater Rats,"** Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

## Health

**Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT)** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

**YWCA Health and Community Education**: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; Univer-

sity YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Community

**UC Berkeley** campus opens its door to the public for Cal Day, its family open house, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 20. Visitors can hear lectures from esteemed professors, watch science demonstrations, listen to music—including tunes from the Cal Band, cheer on sports teams and explore the ways of the natural world, from tiny bugs to the giant T-Rex dinosaur. Nearly everything is free. Limited parking will be available and shuttle buses will ferry visitors from the Berkeley BART. For more information, call 642-5215.

**The Regional Parks Botanical Garden** in Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley, holds its annual California native plant sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 20. A large selection of native plants will be available. All sale proceeds benefit the Botanical Garden and its programs. The garden is located on Wildcat Canyon Road at the foot of South Park Drive near the Brazil Building in Tilden Regional Park. Admission is free. For more information, call 841-8732.

**Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 525-3565.

**TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly)** Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. For more information call Betty Coates at 235-0490. This chapter has moved from Richmond.

**Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.

**Marion Rosen**, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experiential practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6605.

**Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

**Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive** offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

**Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA., 94701.

**"Work Buddies"**, volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in

early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

**Psychic Healing clinic**: 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

**SMART project**: the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

**English-In-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley, Call 643-9716.

**Women's Daytime Drop-in Center** in Berkeley, serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

## Exhibits

**The Fig Tree Gallery**, 2599 Eighth St., No. 42, presents "April Art and Archetypes in and at the Figure," through May 5. A reception for the artists takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 20. For more information, call 540-7843.

**XV Group** announces its upcoming Spring Art show at the Nexus Gallery, 2707 Eighth St., from April 13 to May 4. Gallery hours: Thursdays and Fridays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays 12 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artist reception is from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, April 13. For more information, call 549-0703 or 525-2754.

**The Richmond Museum of History** continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and homefront contributions during WWII. Special exhibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at the corner of 4th Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-7387 for more information or to arrange tours.

**The City of El Cerrito** presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Judie at 215-4371.

**Alta Bates Medical Center** presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

**New Pieces Gallery** is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday

Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

## Literary Events

**Small Press Distribution Open House** is set from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at 1341 7th St. The event is free and open to the public. Guest speakers will be Alfred Arteaga, author of House with the Blue Bed, Dodie Bellamy, author of a collection of Burroughs-inspired prose poems, Janice Mirikitani, author of Love Works, Jono Schneider, author of Walking and Talking and Giovanni Singleton, founding editor of Nocturnes Review of the Literary Arts. For more information, call 524-1668, ext. 305.

**The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-8648 to set up a training session.

## Meetings

**Improve your speaking skills** by attending Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline Street. Call 527-2337 for more information.

**The Berkeley Camera Club** meets Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 525-3565.

**Free seminar on Natural Learning Rhythms**, a holistic understanding of child development, takes place from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Berkeley Public Library, Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue. The program describes each stage of a child's life, natural pauses and transitions. Registration is required. Call 800-2001107 for more information.

**Berkeley Camera Club** meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings, at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 525-3565.

**Julia Morgan Center for the Arts** hosts an informational and discussion session regarding dance opportunities in the Bay Area. The center opens its doors to the dance community and presents its plans for Dance Week 2002 and for future dance performances on the stage of Julia Morgan Theatre. The event is free. RSVP to Bridget Frederick at bridget@juliamorgan.org or by calling 645-8542, ext. 302. Visit the Web site at www.juliamorgan.org for more details.

**Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The West Contra Costa Adult school and community volunteers present the Center's program of life-long learning. Attend any class or event. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Volunteers of all ages are needed. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for more information.

**Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25** meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no

host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

**The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics** Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

**Berkeley Toastmasters Club** meet monthly, on the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Lardé at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

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**Speak Smart!** Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

**Toastmasters Meeting**: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS)** meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

**Joy of Yiddish**: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

**The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. For additional information call 204-4503.

**Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the

English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822. **Public speaking skills and metaphysics** come together at Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters. On-going meetings and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

**"Voices of Healing"** is a group emphasizing the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Berkeley, Call 528-1235 for more information.

**State Health Toastmasters Club** meets every second, third and fourth Tuesday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

**Higher Alignment**: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

**Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis** Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month: 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12 step group providing free aid for those eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (new members at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

**TOPS**: 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Merced; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

**Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** sponsors a monthly stroke support group. Reservations are required. The group meets the Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Details: 204-4503.

## Music

**Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra** presents "Mostly Mozart," 8 p.m. Sunday, April 13, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14. The event takes place at First Congregational Church (Day Durant) Berkeley. Guest artist: Yvonne Kenny. In celebration of its 700th anniversary, the Orchestra invites all audience members to a reception immediately following the concert. The program also includes Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Violoncello, K. 365, by Major, "La Reine." For more information, call 437-8881.

**The Berkeley Contemporary Chamber Players**, under the direction of Dan Milnes will perform a concert celebrating the career of composer Clifton Brown at 8 p.m. Monday, April 15, at Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley. The concert features William Brown, tenor, and Jonathan Josheff, clarinet. Admission: \$5 and \$6. Tickets can be obtained by calling 642-9988; for information call 642-4864.

**The Distaff Singers**, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required. Just a love of singing. Classical, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at 1931 Center St. Call 527-6779.

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## New Beginnings & Second Chances For Women Homeless, Education & Breast Cancer Seminar

- Rev. Glenda Hope, SF Network Ministries will talk about how women can start again.
- Ms. Jackie Pugh, Community Liaison, American Cancer Society & Violet Smallhorn, M.D. will talk about cancer treatments and where to find help.
- Edna Mitchell, Ph.D., Mills College & Rev. Martha Taylor, Temple Baptist Church will talk about women returning to college to further their education at any age.

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**7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.** Call 601-6624, or L.J. 482-1677. **Distances**, featuring Donald Dison, Acoustic Bass, Michael Drum and Larry Giustino. **Class** Gibson L4, perform every night from 10 to 11 p.m. at **Place**, 1801 University at All ages welcome.

**1317 San Pablo Ave.**, pre-Grateful Dead DJ night with Digby and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Ticket \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

**Night Folk Dancing**: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. No partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-6355.

## DOORS

**Berkeley Botanical Garden**, 2000 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a free sick plant clinic the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. For more information, call 845-6370.

**Feed and care** for orphaned birds: house sparrows, starlings and others are introduced species and not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these birds to the wild life they deserve to. Free training and some support. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lelia 525-3911.

**Point at the YWCA**, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents "Scribble Time," a unique that helps participants understand themselves and to find focus.

The group meets on Tuesdays by appointment and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information; leave a message for Anne Levine.

**Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden**, 1700 Tilden Park, presents regular seven-day a week. Week days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a calendar of upcoming classes call 842-1021.

## DOORS

**Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center**, 2001 Dwight Way, offers eight weekly Wednesday discussion groups entitled "I Can Cope," from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 10 through April 23. The sessions are free for patients with cancer and their family members and friends. For more information or to make a reservation, call 845-6355.

**Alta Bates Support Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Alta Bates Medical Center, Mally Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The next meeting is April 16. For more information, call Deborah Rich at 644-3273. For more information, call Barbara Ridley at 845-6355.

**Alliance for the Mentally Ill**, a support group for families living with mental illness, meet 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at 980 Stannage St. in Alameda. Support meetings are free and parents and other family members are encouraged to share information and emotional support. For more information, call 524-1250.

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p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

**Restorative Yoga** class meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in central Berkeley. Cost: \$10 per class. Easy, luxurious stretches and mindful breathing help to ease tension and discomfort and open the body to relaxation and well-being. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

**Adult Survivors of Incest**, a local support group in the east bay is being formed. The group will gather for healing discussions and also various activities, including hiking, dancing, classic film watching, traveling, or any fun activity. Interested participants, call Patricia Pease at 825-1698. Free fee to leave a message.

**The pain and grief** associated with the death of a loved one can often feel overwhelming - especially during the holidays. Many people suffer isolation. The grief counseling project is here to help. No one is turned away for lack of money. Call 889-1104.

**"The Grief Care Community"** offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information.

**The local self-help** group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

**Alta Bates Medical Center Herick Campus** offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

**Alta Bates Medical Center**, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ASMC Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

**Alta Bates Medical Center**, 2001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

**The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center** at Alta Bates Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

**The Lupus Foundation of Northern California** is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit [www.balf.org](http://www.balf.org).

**The City of Berkeley Portable Meals** program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to homebound seniors. Call 644-8590.

**The North Berkeley Senior Center** is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

## Lecture/Workshop

**The Berkeley Historical Society**, 1931 Center St., continues its five lecture series connected with the exhibit "From the Attic: How to Preserve and Share our Past," with Drew Johnson. Johnson, Oakland Museum photo curator, will speak on "Preserving Photographs" at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 14. Subsequent lectures are on preserving paper, creating oral histories, and the history of Sather Tower, the Campanile. Donations are welcome. Visit the Web page at [www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/histoc/](http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/histoc/) or call

848-0181 for more information.

**UC Botanical Garden** offers a free plant clinic from 9 a.m. to noon, first Saturday of every month at Strawberry Canyon, 200 Centennial Drive. For more information, call 643-2755.

**Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center** expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

**Tai Chi Chuan** and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$5. To sign up call 268-4995.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

**Learn Computer Applications** for the "working" world using Windows '95 and '98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher. Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. For information call 237-0840 or visit the web site at [www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/top](http://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/top).

**"What Is Meditation,"** is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Bookstores, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Prigato Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information. Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

## Theater, Dance &amp; Film

**The Berkeley Repertory Theater**, 2025 Addison St., presents "Copenhagen," playwright and director Michael Frayn from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17. Frayn will discuss the actual events that inspired his play and intrigued and baffled historians for more than 50 years. The best-reviewed play of the 2000 season, Copenhagen won Tony's for Best Play and Best Director. This program is cosponsored by The Mathematical Sciences Research Institute and Berkeley Repertory Theater. Tickets: \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members. Reservation deadline is April 15. For more information, call 415-597-6712. To make reservations call 415-597-6705 or 6706.

**"In Search of My Clitoris,"** a humorous one-woman show, is 8 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. Sia Amma uses her comedic wit to bring light to a distasteful subject: the tribal custom of cutting a girl's clitoris as part of her passage into womanhood. Amma has performed her original 90-minute show throughout the United States since 1999 and is headed to Broadway April 17-19. Tickets: \$15 adults; \$19 for children. Call 925-798-1300 for tickets. For more information, or visit the Web site at [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org).

**The Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists Social Justice Committee** presents the film "Mike Ruppert on Truth and Lies of 9/11" at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Fellowship Hall, 1924 Cedar (at Bonita). All welcome, wheelchair accessible, refreshments. For more information, call Cynthia at 528-5403.

**Actors Ensemble of Berkeley** present "Long Day's Journey into Night," at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturdays, April 12 through May 11 at Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck Ave. There will also be a 8 p.m. Thursday, May 9, performance. "Journey" is the third production of Actors Ensemble's 45th season, which will conclude with Wendy Wasserstein's "The Heidi Chronicles," in July and August. For more information about the group, visit [www.actorsensembleofberkeley.com](http://www.actorsensembleofberkeley.com).

**Learn easy** international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. For more information, call 525-1130.

**Family Folkdancing** takes place on the third Sundays, 1:20-3 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Call 632-3713 for additional information.

**Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

## Classes

**Vista Community College** offers classes in Adventure Travel, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays through May 23. The course covers various kinds of adventure travel: hard adventure, soft adventure, and cultural/spiritual adventure. The curriculum includes adventure travel specials such as biking, mountaineering, overland trips, safaris, rafting, hiking, small boat and expedition-style cruising, and more. For more information, call 981-2931.

**Albany Adult School** offers classes in Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish this quarter. Most classes meet in the evening once a week for 10 weeks. A few are offered in the afternoon also. Meet at 601 San Gabriel Ave. in Albany, or across the street at the Albany Middle School. Average cost is \$48 plus books. Call the Adult School at 559-6580 for more information.

**Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple and clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (proportional fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. For more information, call Mel Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

**Vista Community College**, 2020 Milvia St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

**Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

**The Albany YMCA** offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnastics and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.

**Julia Morgan Center for the Arts**, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For more information, including complete class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see [www.juliamorgan.org](http://www.juliamorgan.org) or call 845-8542 for a brochure.

**The Berkeley Adult School (BAS)** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 644-6130 for additional information.

**The South Berkeley Senior Center**, 2330 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.

**Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

**Turning Point at the YWCA**, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

**The Ecology Center**, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for non-members; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

**The van der Zanden Studio**, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

**A CopWatch** class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

**Berkeley Community Media (BCM)**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations

designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjani Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

**Life Stories/College and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

**Contemporary Women's Issues** class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MPCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

**Dance and Fitness** classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly-dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

**Let's Swing and Jitterbug**: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

## Volunteers

**Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit community organization, seeks volunteers to recycle, rebuild, and redistribute computer technology for families and schools. Volunteers are needed to be administrative coordinators, computer pick up and create efficient and effective systems for recording data and use of space, answer phone calls, log calls, route information and provide filing, organization, and other assistance. Call Mike at 845-1226 for more information.

**Volunteers** are needed to assemble and wrap beautiful sacred Tibetan books and prepare sacred texts for prayer wheels. Help fund-raise to distribute these treasures to Tibetans in exile. Call 800-338-4238 for more information and location.

**Crisis Support Services of Alameda County** needs volunteers to maintain its 24-hour crisis line. Make the difference between hope and despair for a person in need. No prior experience required, excellent training provided. Do something to help your community. Call 848-1515 for more information.

**Tibetan Aid Project** seeks volunteers to help preserve the ancient wisdom of Tibet. Assemble and wrap beautiful sacred Tibetan books. Prepare sacred texts for prayer wheels. Or help fund-raise to distribute these treasures to Tibetans in exile. For location and more information, call 800-338-4238.



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EL CERRITO'S Tony and Janice Astorgano stand with the classic car that brought them 15 minutes of fame. The couple won \$3,000 from 'America's Funniest Home Videos.'

## Couple's video funny — if not 'Funny'

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Tony and Jackie Astorgano's video of the result of a gas station mishap just missed winning the \$10,000 grand prize on the 'America's Funniest Home Videos' TV show — losing to a tape of a guy who gets angry over a football game — but it did give them, as Tony Astorgano put it, about a minute's worth of fame.

The Astorganos' tape shows Jackie coming home in their 1966 red Mustang — with the hose from a gas-station pump sticking out of the car. When Tony tells Jackie about it, she smiles and says, "I filled it up, though."

Not quite Monty Python material, maybe, but enough to earn the two antique collectors \$3,000, a free trip to Los Angeles, \$300 in spending money and a limousine ride to the studio where "Funniest Home Videos" is shot.

About 15 seconds of their video was seen three different times on the program March 8 and the As-

torganos themselves are seen for a total of less than 10 seconds.

"We didn't talk at all, but they showed me with Jackie," said Tony. "They said, 'Be really energetic and be surprised.' It was fun."

The ABC show, which began in 1990, airs snippets of home videotapes featuring cute or bratty kids, cute or pesky pets, collapsing chairs, falling trousers and more.

The Astorganos have been watching the show since it started and it's still one of their favorites, though they're not crazy about the videos where people get hurt — whether it's by falling down, falling off a bike or getting hit with a baseball bat.

"I don't think it's funny, but people think it's funny even if they fall down and even if they hurt themselves," Tony Astorgano said.

Their nonviolent video happened when Tony, who had been taping some deer in the neighborhood, turned the camera on

Jackie, the Mustang and a rant gas-station hose.

They sent the tape to the show in 1998. It wasn't until 2002 that they were would be in the running show's \$10,000 grand prize.

Each week, "Funniest Home Videos" chooses three winners as finalists to go for the prize. The audience then picks its favorite.

The Astorganos missed if they lost to a guy so angry about the football game that he at himself in frustration still a glimpse of life in time TV fastlane.

"They take care of Tony of his time at the studio. They bring there and drinks and nice conference room can sit down and relax. It wasn't bad even place," he said. "I'd do it again."



THE LOCAL organizing committee for this year's Relay for Life includes Jackie Hammond, Cynthia Shane-Smith of the American Cancer Society, Marsha Williamson, Allan Maris, Janice Jordan and Joann Steck-Bayat.

## Relay

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Joann Steck-Bayat, a cancer survivor and one of the residents organizing the event.

"Many of us are very grateful for the research money that's in there," said Steck-Bayat, adding that an experimental treatment that helped her beat breast cancer in 1992 may have been directly funded by money raised through the American Cancer Society.

Residents who sign up for the relay will come together in teams of eight to 15 people and camp out in tents at the track of El Cerrito High School for 24 hours. One person from each team will be on the track running, walking or wheeling for the entire event.

To sign up, residents must raise \$100 individually, as well as \$100 for the entire team. Organizers hope that more than \$20,000 will be raised by the end of the event.

The event has been an annual fund raiser for the American Cancer Society since 1985 and raises millions of dollars every year for cancer research. About 90 percent of the money raised goes to prevention, research, detection and treatment, and patient services and fundraising.

Janice Jordan, an Albany resident who has survived soft-tissue cancer twice — once when she was a teen-ager and again 30 years later — was one of a handful of people who helped to organize the event for its inaugural in 2000. She said the money raised has helped create treatments that saved her life and made battling cancer less debilitating.

"The reason I got interested in it is because I had cancer and I just felt really strongly about giving back because I had a pretty awful experience," said Jordan, "and friends and family really rallied around me and even though I was getting treatment I was getting lot of support."

This year, a group of cancer survivors from El Cerrito, Albany, and Berkeley is planning the event. It includes Steck-Bayat, Jordan, and Berkeley residents Jackie Hammond, Marsha Williamson and Jeff Sinheimer.

The event will kick off with a

survivor's lap. At 10:15 a.m., on May 18, hundreds of cancer survivors and those fighting it will take a walk around the track to honor those who have been touched by cancer and who are coming together to fight it.

Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia and Albany City Councilman Allan Maris will be among the people speaking at the start of the event.

At 8:26 p.m., as the sun is setting on May 18, everyone will participate in a circle of hope. People make donations toward individual luminaries to ring the track in the names of loved ones who have lost their lives or are dealing with cancer. The closing ceremony is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 19.

Students from UC Berkeley and Boy Scouts from Berkeley and El Cerrito will help set up and tear down the event, along with dozens of community members and local businesses who are donating food and providing entertainment to keep the relay moving through the night.

Jordan said this year the event will have an increase in the number of families and teen-agers participating. "This is only the third year this is happening and it kind of grows by word of mouth," added Steck-Bayat. "People who participated last year are participating this year and bringing more people so there's an increase in numbers. Last year it raised \$20 thousand and hopefully this year it will raise a lot more."

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THE COLONIAL HOME AT 614 ALVARADO ROAD in Berkeley was re-built after the Oakland Hills fire using plans from 1922.

## Something old, something new

A Colonial home in the Claremont Hills pairs gracious 1922 plans with '93 technology

BY LINNEA SMITH JESSUP  
CORRESPONDENT

For many, symmetry is an important element in their lives, their interests and their home. Two bricks flying toward the sunset. An arrangement of art prints, lined up in perfect rows. Light sconces balanced on either ends of a room.

The Colonial home at 614 Alvarado Road in Berkeley's Claremont area is a great example of symmetry, with its trio of gables at the front, dark blue shutters against white shingle siding and a steep brick stairway leading from the street to the centered front entry edged by a pair of trellises.

The site held a Colonial home built in 1922 and designed by Warren Charles Perry. It was destroyed in the Oakland Hills firestorm in 1991. The new owners of the home, however, were able to use the original plans to recreate the classic home, with features from the '90s such as better lighting, insulation and even a new two-car garage.

Today the home stands with grandeur on a site looking across the Bay and Golden Gate bridges. A terraced back yard with a variety of shrubs and trees provides both a peaceful setting as well as a natural view from many of the three-story home's windows.

The marble floor entry leads to a pair of bedrooms with pale blue carpeting and windows facing Alvarado Road, plus a stairway with white and wood railings that rises to the second floor,

which is the main living area of the approximately 3,681-square-foot traditional home. Here hardwood floors have contrasting wood inlay designs.

To the south is the living room with large paned windows and built-in bookcases at both ends. The fireplace has a white marble surround.

Banner wallpaper edges the tops of the cream-and-gold faux-finished walls. Recessed lighting enhances the gracious, old-fashioned appeal. The adjoining room, also with wide windows on both ends but with brighter walls, could be a great office or studio, with access to a large wood deck.

At the other side of the stairs is the dining room, dignified yet bold with wide blue and white stripes, a Colonial style brass

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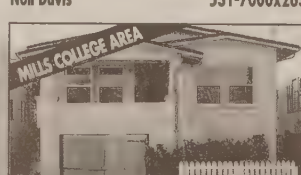
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## Colonial

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chandelier and twin wall sconces. A curved display closet for fine china and other collectibles is balanced by a curved doorway which leads to the kitchen, also decorated in blue and white. It has place wood cabinets and a large window over the sink with a wide counter and an island with the range. An informal eating area to the side has access to the back yard. The kitchen also flows to the family room, at the north end of the home, and it, too, has hardwood floors and views of the bay.

Modern conveniences include recessed lighting, Corian counter tops and modern appliances, but they don't detract from the classic Colonial setting which the current owners have accented with many Oriental-style rugs and traditional furniture throughout the home.

The backyard has several terraces, stone stairs and trellises, providing a restful setting and a backdrop for the patio which has room for tables, BBQ and other entertainment elements. A stairway leads down to the new two-car garage and its large curving driveway leading up from Alvarado; there's also an interior stairway off the kitchen which leads to this modern addition. The one-garage, as originally built and then reconstructed is right off the street on the lowest level of the lot.

The third floor is easily the master retreat, with the master bedroom on the south end of the home, with wood floor and a fireplace. A high ceiling and lots of recessed lighting make it an airy and spacious room. It has windows front and back and its own small deck.

Occupants walk through the large closet to the large bath with glass shower, jetted tub and double sinks. At the opposite end of this level is a bedroom or study with wood paneling and wainscot, windows on two sides and fireplace. It is painted gray-blue with matching ceiling and has built-in staircases, storage and arched doors. A large skylight and wall sconces help illuminate the room.

Gracious but not pretentious, the home has a quiet and dignified air about it. Many of the rooms provide excellent views of the bay, making it a house of many spots for socializing as well as solitude.



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A BRASS CHANDELIER and wall scones and arched doors provide traditional Colonial elegance to the dining room, above. Left: The kitchen reflects the most modern touches in this classic home with Corian countertops, a wide window sill and long counters plus an informal eating area and access to the back yard.

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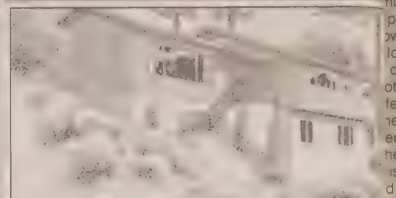
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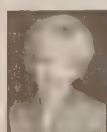
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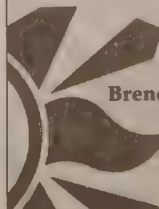
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# These are the times that try buyer's (and seller's) souls

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the housing market we work in right now, unexpectedly so. All things seemed to slow a bit, and agents and buyers hopeful that some sanity in the market would reign. It would be nice, if our market allowed sufficient time to consider the offer, if they want to buy, and be even better if the buyer for houses was not so great. We are experiencing anew an emotionally bristly market with numerous contenders for many of the houses. It is frequently the case that buyers make offers on different houses before succumbing in buying one.

This is a very trying situation for buyers and their agents. It takes a lot of time and enormous spiritual effort to search for a suitable house, investigate its condition, determine an offer. What price is the decision that must be made next, and this can be a killer. Too often the list price only tells what the house will sell for. The cash the buyer has for payment and closing costs, how much he can afford to pay, can must be considered. Depending in part on how other people will also be making offers, a buyer decides what he is willing to pay.

Agent and buyer must guess the market value of any given house, i.e., the price a ready, willing and able buyer will pay. Buyers and their agents, "How much will the house go for?" And, "What will I have to pay to make sure I get this house?"

There are no one knows the answers. The offer or offers are presented to the seller, until the seller finds one acceptable and enters into a contract to sell, it is impossible to accurately predict what today's market value of a given house is. Each time and thought are given to "sweetening the pot." In an attempt to offering as high a price as possible, buyers intent on winning provide the best possible offers. They shorten, or eliminate entirely, the period of time they take to inspect the house after they are in contract. They lean on their brokers for promises of shorter closing periods. The circumstances are right, they offer free rent-back time to the seller, for days, or even months, that the seller can remain in the house after the sale is closed. They agree to pay for the house (it's almost a given days) completely "as is." If the house needs a roof, or new furnace, or dry rot repair, the buyer assumes responsibility for any or all of it, not the seller.

And they write letters to the seller, sometimes including photos of themselves and their family, explaining why they especially like this particular house, and why they hope they will be the new owners.

It's tough. It's a shame. People on a limb, agree to extraordinarily high purchase prices, for their hearts and souls, go beyond what they feel good about — in order to buy a house. Why? Why is this necessary? Supply and demand. That's the answer. There are more people who want houses here than there are houses available for them. This may be true in St. Louis or in upstate New York (I don't know), but here, in Berkeley, Rockridge, Montclair, and elsewhere, it is the case. What's astonishing — incredibly so — is that there are so many people who have the wherewithal to compete in this housing market, so very many who can pay \$200,000, \$300,000, a million dollars more, to live here.

That this is the case has become painfully clear to sellers. Most of them are tickled to pieces to find at the price they can sell. They lis-

ten to the offers, exclaim with delight, and choose to accept one. Usually the highest price, and the best written contract, wins, the buyer who the seller believes will close the sale quickly and easily. But not always. Sometimes the seller accepts a lower price from a buyer he has become attached to, a buyer with small children, for instance, because the seller would like children to grow up in his house.

The seller is pleased, and the buyer who gets the house is happy, too. This is how it works most of the time. But lately we've heard about something else that is happening, not often, but in a few cases. Here is a story of seller greed, one we fabricated, but it is similar to (although milder than) the stories we've heard.

The seller and agent decided that \$800,000 is a fair price for the seller's house. They are hoping that more than one person may want to buy it, and if so, it might sell for more. In fact, there are 5 offers, and they are all higher than list. The top two are quite high — \$890,000 and \$910,000. One buyer is willing to pay \$90,000 over asking while the other will pay \$110,000 over. Imagine! But in this case, the seller (and perhaps, too, his agent) isn't satisfied. Instead of signing one of the contracts, the seller counters both these offers. He will sell, he says, to whomever will pay \$975,000. What? The seller now wants \$175,000 over what he asked? Yes, he does.

The buyers are dismayed and angry. They feel they've been blind-

sided. They made their highest and best offer, agreeing to pay hugely more than the seller was asking, but the seller is turning them down. Both may simply walk away. Or, maybe, one of them will agree to pay \$975,000.

But at what price to the seller? We believe, because we have seen it demonstrated time and time again, that a good sale involves more than money. We know that both buyer and seller can feel that they have received the long end of the stick. It happens all the time.

For both ethical and practical reasons, it is important to engender and maintain good will in a transaction. A buyer who has been treated badly, one who feels he's been "taken" is not likely to be

happy. He will very probably immediately begin to question the goodness of the house. He may say, "The seller didn't even replace the sump pump. The downstairs bathroom is really small. I never did like the orange Formica."

He's questioning what he's let himself in for, and he will go on doing it. If he proceeds with the sale, after he moves into the house and things go wrong (things always do), he'll still be feeling stupid and therefore upset with the seller who made him feel that way. When it turns out that replacing the sump pump doesn't make the basement dry after all, his thoughts may turn to a law suit. This sale may not be done and over; it may go on, although in another form.



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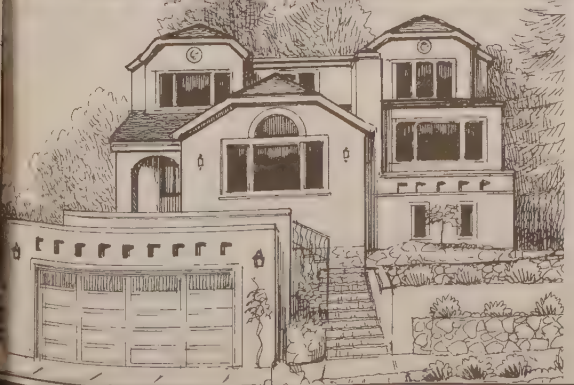
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The City of Oakland is up to its old games again. In a town known for its racial diversity and unity, there is still a group being blatantly discriminated against by the same city that penned even a stronger anti-predatory law than the State of California.

The City of Oakland Financial Services Agency is again requiring that people, refinancing their homes be subject to a transfer tax if one or more of the original borrowers transfers off the property due to a bad credit situation.

In the last 12 months, during the refinancing mania, people sought to improve their payment situation by taking advantage of the lower interest rates.

We have the case of the three housemates, unrelated except that they shared a house and mortgage. Like many, they were not concerned with taking out any equity but simply wanted to reduce their monthly mortgage payment. Unfortunately, since they had originally bought the house, one housemate experienced financial problems and had declared a bankruptcy. (We'll call her Sara). Her two housemates had excellent credit and enough income to qualify by themselves.

So Sara agreed to "deed off" the property, just for the purpose of the refinance and then after the transaction recorded, she would go back on title and of course be responsible for her third of the payment.

Now, the City of Oakland, after going through all this trauma a couple of years ago regarding family transfer waivers came up with the Real Property Transfer Tax exemption under section 4.20.05 A. In that the borrower needs to have from the direct lender a signed letter from that funding lender information specific to the transaction.

The city would not accept our letter, although we are duly licensed both with the Department of Real Estate and the City of Oakland. And, we are not talking a small bit of change here. The City of Oakland, known for having probably the highest transfer tax in the state at \$15 per \$1,000, wants over \$3,000 from our borrowers when all they wanted to do, like everybody else, is to make their lives a little more affordable.

The problem facing our borrowers (and a whole group of like people) is that their lender has concerns over their legal liability and is reluctant to write such a letter. Our request is still in with the lender's legal department. In the letter that the City of Oakland mailed in response to our correspondence detailing what the lender needed to do said, "Please obtain a letter containing the missing items indicated to process your exemption request. If you cannot obtain this letter, then the City of Oakland Real



**KAREN SENZIG**  
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Property Transfer Tax is due. Oakland is concerned about protecting borrowers from the likes of the predatory lenders. Who is going to protect the borrowers from the City of Oakland?

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached at 510-339-8511, fax: 510-339-3814, e-mail at ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with any mortgage questions and/or topics for discussion.

## Multiple offers usually drive the price up

■ If you decide to jump into a multiple offer fray, know your limits

INMAN NEWS FEATURES

Interest rates are low and home prices aren't escalating at the rate they did a couple of years ago. In some areas, prices have even come down. The market has improved for buyers, particularly in high-priced housing markets like the San Francisco Bay Area where just two years ago it was common to find dozens of buyers competing to buy a single listing.

However, these improved market conditions are bringing buyers out in droves. Many prospective buyers are once again finding themselves making purchase offers in competition with other buyers.

Should you back off from a multiple offer competition? Multiple offers usually drive the price up. So you usually can count on paying more than the asking price if there

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are more than a few offers on a listing. Recently a listing in Oakland received 15 offers and sold for more than \$100,000 over the asking price.

Did the listing sell for too much? The lender's appraiser didn't think so; the property appraised for the purchase price. Was the listing under-priced? The seller, who wanted a quick sell, set the price. He had already closed on a new home and didn't want to own two homes for longer than necessary.

A change in market conditions was responsible for this bidding frenzy. Inventories of homes for sale dropped in January, which is typical. However, the number of buyers entering the market soared, which is not typical for this time of year, creating an imbalance be-

tween supply and demand. Multiple offers become more common in this kind of a market.

**House hunting tip:** One option to avoid multiple offers is to wait to buy until later in the year when there is likely to be more inventory. Another strategy is to focus on listings that other buyers are passing on, either because they're not priced competitively or because they're cosmetically unappealing. Just make sure that you don't buy a home that has an incurable defect,

like a lousy floor plan, or a serious structural problem. If you do decide to jump into a multiple offer fray, set parameters for yourself. Resolve to pay no more than you can comfortably afford. And, don't pay more than the asking price if you can't get it.

But, overpaying the amount for a home you that will last you a long time is foolish. One buyer felt that when she bought her

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News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

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### Home Buyer Basics

Home Buyer Basics is a workshop for first-time homebuyers. It is how to find a house, protect yourself in the contract and review inspection reports. Credit scoring, choices and closing costs are covered. The class is conducted by **Jim Parkhurst** of Prudential California Realty and **Karen** of RE Loan Mortgage. The seminar will be held tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Albany. There is no cost for the class, but reservations are necessary. Call the Workshop Hotline at 510-718-2134.

**Meda Inform Meeting**  
The Inform is sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. The next Inform Luncheon begins networking at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 18. This buffet luncheon is held at the Elks Lodge, on Santa Ana Avenue. California Association of Realtors' attorney **Stella Ling** will speak on legal issues of the day. For more information contact **Remy** at AAR at 510-523-7229.

**Home Buying Help: How To Buy Your First Or Next Home** is a

free seminar tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The instructor is Residential Loan Specialist **Stan Johnson**. The seminar will be held in San Leandro. Some of the topics covered are credit, low down payments and grant money. A drawing will be held for a dinner for two at Horatio's Restaurant. Reservations are required. Call the Seminar Hotline at 510-614-2436.

### Free Remodel Lectures

Upcoming at the Building Education Center are three free lectures. "What You Need to Know Before You Build or Remodel" previews the Homeowner's Essential Course. The preview is presented by builder **Glen Kitzberger**, on Saturday, April 13 and Monday, April 15. "Choosing to Add On: The Pros and Cons of Building an Addition" is on Sunday, April 14. Author **Skip Wenz** is the instructor.

### First Time Buyer Information

A free first time buyer informational workshop is offered by Loan

Consultant **George Johnson** of Ameristar Financial. The workshop is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 26. The Ameristar office, on Sycamore Valley Road in Danville is the location. Featured topics are zero percent down payment, FHA and conventional loans. Johnson will offer information on affordable properties. You must RSVP by April 20. Call Johnson at 925-984-3443.

### Green Remodeling

Planning on remodeling? Think GREEN! This free Green Remodeling Workshop will help homeowners learn to lower their utility bills and use healthier building materials. The workshop is Thursday, April 18, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will be held at the Building Education Center on Page Street in Berkeley. The facilitator is Architect **Greg VanMechelen** of VanMechelen Architects. Each attendee receives a copy of *Residential Green Building Guidelines*, on how to remodel home in an environmentally sound

manner. The Resource-full Showcase will be available for participants to visit. The Showcase is a 28-foot trailer with product information for contractors and homeowners. The Alameda County Waste Management Authority and Recycling Board sponsors this event. For questions contact Program Manager **Lois Clarke** at 510-614-1699.

### "Storybook Houses"

The Alameda Museum presents the "Our Houses" lecture series for 2002. Prominent Bay Area authors and historians narrate the slide lectures. The museum is located on Alameda Avenue near Park Street in Alameda. The series is scheduled through June. Thursday, April 25 is the next lecture in the series.

architect and author **Arrol Gellner** is the presenter of "Storybook Houses", a discussion on the architectural styles of the 1920s, with a digression to a unique tract of Storybook homes in Alameda. Call 510-748-0796 for information.

### Do It Yourself!

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. For information on classes and costs call the center. Contact **Sydney** at 510-525-7610 or visit the Web site at bldgeductr.org.



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Pre-registration is mandatory and due two weeks before the first class in the series. For a complete list of classes and tuition information call the Rental Housing Association at 510-893-9873.

### GET ORGANIZED AT WCR

Feeling disorganized? Join the Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter for "Beyond Organizing" with author **Liz Franklin**. Learn how to reduce workloads and streamline work flow. The luncheon/meeting begins with networking at 11:30, Friday, April 19. The location is the Ark at Pier 29 on 29th Avenue in Oakland (at the foot of the park Street Bridge). For reservations call WCR President, George Johnson of Ameristar Financial at 925-314-8314.

### RHA EDUCATION

RHANAC presents "Learn How in 2002", an educational series on a variety of issues affecting rental housing. On April 13 there is a three-hour class on lead. Owners will learn lead exposure precautions and liability. Anyone who paints repairs or renovates or who supervises these activities is expected by OSHA to have taken this course. Classes are held at the Oakland Association of Realtors, on Webster Street in Oakland. You must pre-register. Contact RHA at 510-893-9873 or via e-mail at RHANAC@pacbell.net.

### ARPE UPDATES

The Associated Real Property Brokers (ARPB) holds a networking breakfast on the third Wednesday of every month. This month's breakfast is from 8 to 10 a.m., April 17.

The Oak Tree Grille on Embarcadero in Oakland is the location. Real estate agents are encouraged to bring flyers and market their properties. The meeting is open forum. For more information call **Tyrene Cooley** of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.

Associated Real Property Brokers members should mark these dates on their calendars. Realtor Week is April 14 to 20. April 27 is Christmas In April and May 27 is the Annual Golf Tournament. To find out more visit the Web site at [www.ARPB.org](http://www.ARPB.org).

### BAR NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Attend the Berkeley Association of Realtors monthly, networking luncheon.

The next luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, April 17. The speaker is **Alan Kropp**, of Alan Kropp & Associates. Kropp will speak on the latest developments in soil stability and earth movement. The Luncheon is held at the BAR Auditorium. Reservations are a must. Contact **Don Clark** at the BAR office for information and reservations at 510-848-4288.

### OAR EDUCATION

Time to renew! Earn all 45 hours continuing education in only one-half day. The seminar is from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Friday, May 17, at the OAR Building, on Webster Street in Oakland. Topics include Ethics, Agency, Fair Housing and Trust Funds, with legal and marketing up-

dates. Tuition includes home study materials. Tuition and attendance information for all OAR educational programs should be addressed to **Mary Williams** of the OAR office at 510-836-3000.

### MORTGAGE INDUSTRY

#### CAMB Dinner And Seminar

Automated Underwriting is the seminar topic at the California Association of Mortgage Brokers' April Dinner-Seminar. This is a two-session seminar. Choose to attend one or both. Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 18, at the Crow Canyon Country Club. The first session, the Automated Underwriting

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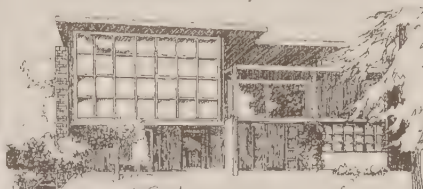
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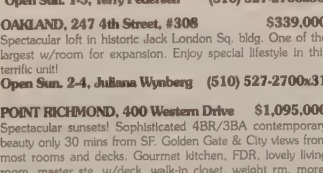
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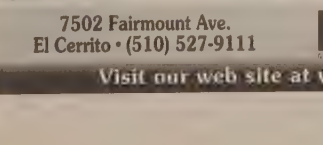
**PINOLE, 2000 Shea Drive \$305,000**  
Very Spacious! 1500+ sq. ft. 2 bedroom, 2 bath Pinole charmer. Most rooms look out to pretty patio & deck. Fireplace, formal dining room, living room w/skylight, large master bedroom suite.  
Open Sun. 2-4, **Alice McLeish** (510) 527-2700 x35



**RICHMOND ANNEX, 1323 S. 59th Street \$349,000**  
Charming home near El Cerrito Plaza, BART and shops! 2BR/2BA up. 2 "plus" spaces down with interior access. French doors lead from master bdrm to deck with "Peek of the Bay" view! Inviting front & rear gardens with greenhouse!  
Open Sun. 1-5, **Terry Pedersen** (510) 527-2700x36



**OAKLAND, 247 4th Street, #306 \$339,000**  
Spectacular loft in historic Jack London Sq. bldg. One of the largest w/room for expansion. Enjoy special lifestyle in this terrific unit!  
Open Sun. 2-4, **Juliana Wynberg** (510) 527-2700x31



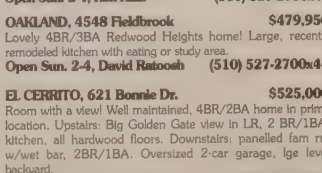
**POINT RICHMOND, 400 Western Drive \$1,095,000**  
Spectacular sunset! Sophisticated 4BR/3BA contemporary beauty only 30 mins from SF. Golden Gate & City views from most rooms and decks. Gourmet kitchen, FDR, lovely living room, master suite, w/deck, walk-in closet, weight rm., more. Walk to beach.  
Open Sun. 1-4, **Jeri Jones** (510) 559-2902



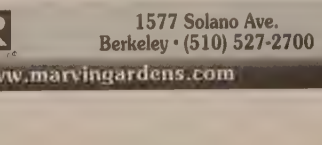
**KENSINGTON, 250 Yale Avenue \$699,000**  
Architecturally distinct French Normandy circa 1930's with gorgeous GG views! Beamed cathedral ceiling in LR, frml DR, breakfast rm., spacious kitchen with antique Wedgewood stove. 3BR/2BA and more!  
Open Sun. 2-5, **Richard Morrison** (510) 527-2700x32



**BERKELEY, 1431 Acton Crescent \$419,000**  
Charming & Light 2BR/1BA home on quiet cul-de-sac. Centrally located to transportation & amenities. Many upgrades. Built-ins & arches. Bay windows, hardwood floors. Central heat. Prof. yd, mature trees, large garage.  
Open Sun. 2-4, **Ken Katz** (510) 527-2700x40



**OAKLAND, 4548 Fieldbrook \$479,950**  
Lovely 4BR/3BA Redwood Heights home! Large, recently remodeled kitchen with eating or study area.  
Open Sun. 2-4, **David Ratsoosh** (510) 527-2700x44



**EL CERRITO, 621 Bonnie Dr. \$525,000**  
Room with a view! Well maintained, 4BR/2BA home in prime location. Upstairs: Big Golden Gate view in LR, 2 BR/1BA, kitchen, all hardwood floors. Downstairs: paneled fam rm w/wet bar, 2BR/1BA. Oversized 2-car garage, lge level backyard.  
Open Sun. 2-4, **Catherine Krueger** (510) 559-2916

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\$495,000. Norah Brower x26

**1517 - 6th @ Cedar, Berkeley Open Sun., 2-4 New Listing!**  
Spacious traditional with fabulous potential! painted exterior - 3 bdrms, 1 bath. Nice details inside. Full basement for second unit, live-work. Big lot - two family zoning. Minutes to 4th St.  
\$399,000. Warren Lei x14

**819 Key Route Blvd., Albany Open Sun., 2-4 New Listing!**  
Darling 2 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow. Hardwood floors, formal dining room with built-ins, living room, laundry area. Close to shops, BART, & Albany schools.  
\$370,000. Bill & Tracy, x33

**5423 Ruth Ave., Oakland Open Sun., 2-4:30**  
Maxwell Park. Charming, updated 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath. Craftsman in sought-after area. Beautiful built-in large kitchen w/ sweet breakfast, garage.  
\$299,950. Denise Milburn x35

### 1519 Oxford #J, Berkeley. Open Sun., 2-4.

Best price in Berkeley! Spacious unit in co-op building; only small loan available. Large living room, dining room with stained-glass window. Kitchen with back door. 2 bdrms, 1.5 baths. Quiet top floor with no shared walls. Offers as written.  
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Sunset Rd - \$280,000

Cornell Av - \$350,000  
Kains Av - \$375,000  
Marin Av - \$491,000  
Masonic Av - \$359,000  
Pomona Av - \$320,000

**LEY**  
67th St - \$290,000  
7th St - \$280,000  
California St - \$435,000  
Channing Wy - \$301,000  
Del Norte St - \$500,000

1429 Edith St - \$531,000  
1139 Euclid Av - \$475,000  
2905 King St - \$357,000  
1603 Marin Av - \$400,000  
711 Spruce St - \$915,000

**EL CERRITO**

313 Coronado St - \$415,000  
6422 Hagen Bl - \$350,000  
6858 Kenilworth Av - \$520,000

**EL SOBRANTE**

2288 Bristlecone Dr - \$450,000  
1153 Kelvin Rd - \$485,000  
3954 La Cresenta - \$264,000  
5365 Sobrante Av - \$255,000  
3858 Valley Ln - \$100,000

**EMERYVILLE**

2 Commodore #283 - \$295,000

**KENSINGTON**

31 Arlington Av - \$520,000

**OAKLAND**

1612 100th Av - \$181,000  
2642 25th Av - \$300,000  
464 28th St - \$417,500  
696 31st St - \$250,000  
821 34th Av - \$190,000  
1520 35th Av - \$247,000  
441 37th St - \$340,000  
917 46th St - \$330,000  
1444 48th Av - \$175,000  
204 4th St #412 - \$347,000  
1110 53rd St - \$350,000  
2727 61st Av - \$290,000  
1358 62nd Av - \$175,000  
1814 70th Av - \$150,000  
1240 75th Av - \$187,000  
2644 75th Av - \$145,000

2401 80th Av - \$283,500  
1755 81st Av - \$233,500  
1756 82nd Av - \$400,000  
1954 88th Av - \$369,000  
2115 8th Av - \$290,000  
266 Adams St #303 - \$272,000  
1725 Alhambra Ln - \$720,000  
565 Bellevue #1105 - \$283,000  
697 Calmar Av - \$886,000  
5759 Claremont Av - \$520,000  
137 Colgett Dr - \$535,000  
6101 Contra Costa - \$1,750,000  
9657 D St - \$201,500  
5658 Dover St - \$315,000  
3010 East 29th St - \$220,000  
1848 Gaspar Dr - \$505,000  
77 Graeagle - \$400,000  
5519 Harmon Av - \$396,000  
2035 High St - \$330,000  
6218 Hilton St - \$217,000  
1178 Holman Rd - \$666,000

1558 Holman Rd - \$495,000  
4175 Howe St - \$315,000  
2506 Leimert Bl - \$550,000  
3225 Lynde St - \$410,000  
695 Mariposa #101 - \$275,000  
1523 Miller Av - \$230,000  
45 Moss Av - \$449,000  
3715 Nevil St - \$200,000  
3309 Nicol Av - \$330,000  
6482 Outlook Av - \$410,000  
9224 Peach St - \$246,000  
5167 Saddle Brook - \$500,000  
99 Shadow M'tain - \$395,000  
5253 Trask St - \$269,000  
6212 Valley View - \$345,000

**PIEDMONT**

30 Estrella Av - \$985,500  
1671 Grand Av - \$701,500  
98 Sea View Av - \$2,400,000

**RICHMOND**

130 15th St - \$249,000  
163 18th St - \$165,000  
552 21st St - \$215,000  
1114 24th St - \$225,000  
2929 Alta Mira Dr - \$270,000  
1025 Barrett Av - \$240,000  
2436 Chanslor Av - \$224,000  
3103 Fiesta Ct - \$350,000  
2912 Florida Av - \$205,000  
2616 Gaynor Av - \$296,000  
5361 Glenwood Wy - \$460,000  
53 Harbor View Dr - \$615,000  
117 Maine Av - \$179,000  
2621 Maine Av - \$150,000  
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**\$949,000**

PIEDMONT. Rare opportunity - brown shingle 4-plex in one of the East Bay's most sought after neighborhoods. Close to schools, transportation, shopping & entertainment. Mavis Delacroix

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**\$2,950,000**

Stately Regency Revival mansion - meticulously renovated. 6BR/4.5BA, expansive kitchen, terraces on 2 levels w/sweeping Bay views. Nancy Lehrkind

**EXQUISITE TUDOR**

**\$2,750,000**

This simply exquisite Tudor style home is sited on approx. 1/3 of an acre w/garden, 5BR, kitchen/family room plus elevator & wine cellar. Anian Pettit Tunney

**PIEDMONT ELEGANCE**

**\$2,599,000**

Contemporary chic with a relaxed elegant environment are present in this spacious home! The gorgeous gardens embrace the poolside setting. Angela Wei Grubb

**PIEDMONT COLONIAL**

**\$1,985,000**

This home has it all...gracious formal rooms, classic details, traditional floor plan, city views, level out garden plus adjoining park. Mindy Scott

**MEDITERRANEAN**

**\$1,935,000**

Mediterranean showcase w/expansive gardens, European kitchen, sumptuous master retreat. The perfect place for a distinctive lifestyle of comfort & harmony. Sandra Vogl

**TRADITIONAL**

**\$1,250,000**

With traditional style, this 4BR/3BA home offers high ceilings, island kitchen/family room leading to level garden, "neighborly" front porch & Bay views. Linda McClain

**PRIVACY & PERFECTION**

**\$975,000**

This home offers classic mid-century charm & elegant lifestyle change. Move right in to this 3BR home & enjoy the remodeled kitchen, bath & gardens. Anian Pettit Tunney

**SPACIOUS PIEDMONT**

**\$689,000**

This lovely Prairie-style home has four bedrooms, two and one half baths, a spacious living room, formal dining room, cozy den and eat-in kitchen. Mavis Delacroix

**OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 P.M.****6013 SKYLINE BLVD.**

**\$2,300,000**

Live in a work of art. Stunning new home by David Stark Wilson. Maximum privacy w/sweeping Bay views. Exceptional architecture & finishes. Steve Michaelides

**6226 CHABOT ROAD**

**\$775,000**

Heart of Rockridge charmer! Light & bright, split level. 3+BR/2BA, breakfast room, formal dining room, built-ins and beautiful details. Close to BART. Tricia Swift

**4350 BRIDGEVIEW DRIVE**

**\$749,000**

Elegant Spanish Mediterranean w/old world charm. Handsome formal rooms, remodeled kitchen, sunny breakfast room, family room & garden. Sherry Benninger

**5350 LAWTON STREET**

**\$645,000**

Wonderful 4BR/2BA Craftsman style bungalow, in great Rockridge location. Unspoiled interior details. Redone floors, fresh paint, more! Nacio Brown

**5445 ESTATES DRIVE**

**\$525,000**

Wonderful home - remodeled throughout. Open beam ceilings in living room, hardwood floors, 2BR/1.5BA in a private setting. J. O'Shaughnessy & K. Buchholz

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**6023 SKYLINE BLVD.**

**\$1,750,000**

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**1300 MOUNTAIN BLVD.**

**\$949,000**

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**230 SHERIDAN ROAD**

**\$829,000**

Upper Rockridge sophistication. 3BR suites, new kitchen, cozy family room with fireplace, sweeping Oakland hills view and level garden. John Karnay

**30 ROANOKE ROAD**

**\$559,000**

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**1586 TRESTLE GLEN RD.**

**\$659,000**

Enjoy the architectural charm of this stunning 3BR traditional with remodeled kitchen. Located in the desirable Trestle Glen neighborhood. Sheila Gallagher

**3632 HARBOR VIEW AVE.**

**\$389,000**

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**4010 FAIRWAY AVENUE**

**\$379,000**

This attractive one-level home features a level yard with lawn & fruit trees. 3BR/2BA, large living room w/fireplace, 2-car garage. Sherry Benninger

**6856 SARONI DRIVE**

**\$299,000**

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**\$2,250,000**

New, world class Mediterranean w/stellar 4 bridge/Bay view above the Claremont Hotel. Great entertaining spaces, large terraces, level garden. Debra J. Dryden

**2947 ELMWOOD COURT**

**\$695,000**

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**63 ARDMORE ROAD**

**\$595,000**

KENSINGTON. 4BR/2.5BA (incl master). Lush & private garden. Deck. Garage. Top rated school! Near SF transportation, restaurants & shops! Lori Lombardo

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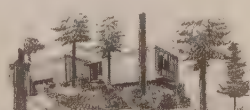
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**BERKELEY COMPOUND**

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**\$1,025,000**

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**ROCKRIDGE BUNGALOW**

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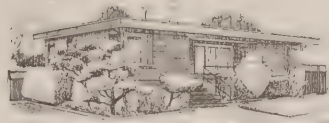
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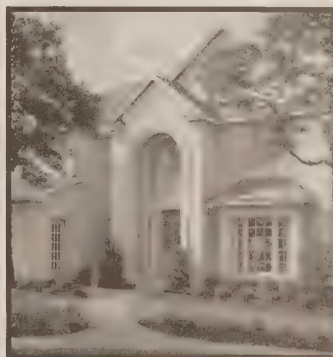
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801 Poppy Ct - \$340,000  
755 Rock Rose Wy - \$445,500  
1429 S'piper Spit - \$315,000  
340 South 29th St - \$203,000  
653 South 38th St - \$218,000  
440 Stege Av - \$211,000

### SAN LEANDRO

1467 140th Av - \$315,000  
1566 140th Av - \$370,000  
15637 Anchorage - \$455,000  
13215 Aurora Dr - \$322,500  
825 Billings Bl - \$330,000  
14429 Colgate St - \$340,000  
400 Davis St #111 - \$260,000  
1064 Glen Dr - \$432,500  
15530 Harbor Wy - \$500,000  
1537 Hays St - \$300,000  
963 Helen Av - \$342,000  
248 Julius St - \$260,000  
432 Linnell Av - \$365,000  
980 Melcher St - \$296,000  
812 Odonnell Av - \$304,000  
13737 Seagate Dr - \$340,000  
2190 Somerset Av - \$279,000  
867 Sybil Av - \$300,000  
15486 Tern Ct - \$360,000  
15284 Upton Av - \$305,000  
2635 West Av 130th - \$300,000  
16018 Windsor Dr - \$395,000

### By the numbers

#### ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$280,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$675,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$476,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$476,750

#### ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$320,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$491,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$359,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$379,000

#### BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 10  
LOWEST PRICE: \$280,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$915,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$417,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$448,400

#### EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$350,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$520,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$415,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$428,333

#### EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$485,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$264,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$310,800

#### EVERETT

TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$295,000

#### KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$520,000

### OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 53  
LOWEST PRICE: \$145,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,750,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$330,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$378,038

### PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$701,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,400,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$985,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,362,333

### AVERAGE PRICE: \$263,600

### SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 22  
LOWEST PRICE: \$260,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$500,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$326,250  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$339,591

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### Oakmore English Tudor

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## Enjoy the freedom of home ownership

The best preparation for a first-time homebuyer is education. Learn more about taking this important step at "Freedom of Ownership: How To Buy Your First Or Next Home, a free seminar this Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the lower level conference room, in the Sanwa Building in San Leandro, at the corner of Hesperian Boulevard and East 14th Street.

Top producer and Residential Loan Specialist Stan Johnson of First Security Loan is the facilitator. With 11 years in the business, Johnson has seen the many faces of the real estate market and helped many people find homes, in even the most discouraging times for buyers.

Johnson will speak on purchasing with \$500 down payments and no out-of-pocket closing costs. Participants will learn about available grant money, 100 percent financing, FHA and VA programs and the Community Reinvestment Act. Attendees can be pre-qualified and receive a free initial credit report. There will be refreshments and a "Dinner For Two" door prize at Horatio's Restaurant in San Leandro. Reservation is required. RSVP at 510-614-2436.

## Free window replacement seminar

Back by popular demand

Truitt & White Lumber Company announces a Marvin Replacement Window Clinic from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, April 20.

The clinic will offer homeowners and contractors the opportunity to learn about the advantages of replacement windows, tips and techniques for installations, and the many options available.

Marvin professionals will demonstrate how to measure for replacement windows and present an overview of the numerous Marvin Window products.

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### April Spring Open House

Stop by any of our participating Open Houses Sunday for a free seed packet and a chance to win a Mexican vacation.

### ★ Indicates Homes Being Held Open

#### OAKLAND/PIEDMONT

★ Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,239,000  
4921 Proctor. Spanish Mediterranean 4 BR/3.5 BA w/dramatic entry and sweeping Bay views!  
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★ Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$749,000  
990 Grosvenor Place. Sunny 3+ BR/2.5 BA Tudor w/tasteful upgrades and major improvements!  
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6427 Pinehaven. Unique, wonderful 3 BR/4 BA + aupaup. Quiet, wooded area close to Village.  
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#### ALAMEDA

★ Open Sunday 2-5 \$549,000  
3659 Redwood Road. Redwood Heights Tudor. Gracious 5 BR/2 BA home. Dramatic LR & FDR, updated kitchen, bsmt., lovely garden, space & charm!  
Dolores Thom (510) 834-2010

#### ALBANY

★ Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$549,000  
5807 Morpeth. House & Garden! Adorable, sunny one-level home in million \$ neighborhood. Gorgeous garden, 2 BR/1 BA.  
Julie Lehman (510) 845-0211

#### ALBANY

★ Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$519,000  
5519 McMillen St. Gorgeous 2-story Rockridge home with Craftsman details! Hrdwd., fireplace, hot tub, walk to BART! 2+ BR/1.5 BA.  
Janet Kaplan (510) 845-0200

#### ALBANY

★ Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$498,000  
71 Turtle Creek. Tastefully renovated 3 BR/2.5 BA w/beautiful garden. It's a 10!  
Myrtice Wong (510) 339-9290

#### ALBANY

★ Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$489,000  
1 Whittle Ct. On cul-de-sac with 3 BR/2.5 BA, updated kitchen and hot tub! New listing!  
David Otero.com (510) 339-9290

#### ALBANY

★ Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$469,000  
1294 Holman Road. Sparkling Spanish 2 BR/1 BA bungalow w/hwd. flrs. and expansion poss.  
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#### OAKLAND/PIEDMONT

★ Open Sunday 2-4 \$339,000  
432 50th St., Oakland. Temescal District. 2+ BR/1 BA home, convenient to fwy., transit, more!  
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Three Bedroom Home \$285,000  
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#### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

★ Open Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,595,000  
7 Del Valle. Orinda European Chateau Estate with 6 BR/4+ BA on 1.2 secluded acres and pano. views.  
Gene Boomer (510) 339-9290

★ Open Sunday 2-4 \$525,000  
9 Anson Way, Kensington. Bay Views! Spacious, light-filled 4 BR/2 BA w/delightful Bay views!  
Phyllis Hewett (510) 526-5143

★ Open Sunday 2-4 \$489,000  
777 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito. Lovely contemporary with beautiful setting. This stunning level-in, 3+ BR home once featured in Sunset Magazine offers great flexibility of space and lovely detail. The inlaw unit can be used as a 4th BR, office or family room. Just minutes to BART, bus and shopping.  
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Beautiful Period Charm \$364,900  
2 BR/1 BA, about 1000 sq. ft., in El Cerrito. Nice landscaped yard, remodeled kitchen, updated bath, hardwood floors, fireplace.  
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### RESIDENTIAL INCOME

Two Houses on One Lot \$635,000  
Both have 2+ BRs, some hwd. flrs. & wainscoting. Large 8820 sq. ft. lot. Ideal for owner occupant.  
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### ALAMEDA

★ Open Sunday 2-4:00 \$365,000  
523 Central Ave. Great Craftsman 3 BR, 1 BA. Beautiful interior woodwork, close to shopping.  
Jorge Jimenez (510) 869-5885

### BERKELEY/ALBANY

★ Open Sunday 2-5 \$685,000  
2439 Russell. Berkeley/Elmwood. Grand brown shingle fixer, classic details! 4+ BR, 1+ BA, great yard!  
Rayne Palmer (510) 526-5143

★ Open Sunday 2-5 \$399,000  
1737 Lincoln. Walk-to-gourmet fixer. Great neighborhood. Eat-in kitchen, hwd. fl., fireplace, 3 BR/2 BA.  
Michael Friedman (510) 845-0200

2 BR/1 BA \$310,000  
1402 Dwight Way. 2 BR/1 BA Craftsman w/potential, original details - charming and bright - needs TLC. As is.  
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Workshop is from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The second session is a panel discussion on the Future of Automated Underwriting, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The CAMB Hotline is 925-275-2663. **CARL Golf Outing**

The California Association of Residential Lenders announced it's sign up time for the 15th Annual East Bay CARL Golf Tournament. Watch this column for more details on this sell out event or call **Frank Monaco, Jr.** of Consumer Home Loans at 925-833-9066.

### Breakfast Club

Join the lively Wednesday Morning Breakfast Meetings, presented by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held every Wednesday at American Title in Walnut Creek on Olympic Boulevard. Start time begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast refreshments are served. Need info? Want to recommend a speaker? Call **Pet Johnson** of TRI Commercial Real Estate Services at 925-296-3300.

### WHO'S ON FIRST?

■ **Bev Muncer**, Manager of Coldwell Banker in Oakland announced a name for one of their sales associates. Realtor **Judy Rankankan** has retaken her maiden name. She is now known as **Judy O. Ackerman**. Although her name is changed, she promises to provide the same professional service. Ackerman is available at 510-339-4700.

■ Someone new at your company? Something special your company is doing? Changing locations? Putting on a seminar? Let me know. I'd love to let the world know. All my contact info is listed below.

### WHAT'S UP DOC??

I need your information for this column. Fund-raisers, meetings, announcements, promotions, designations and change of scenery (company). I want to know it all. Information deadline is two weeks before the event.

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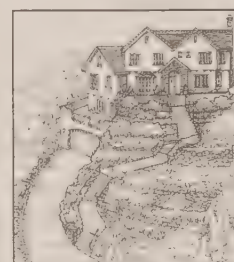


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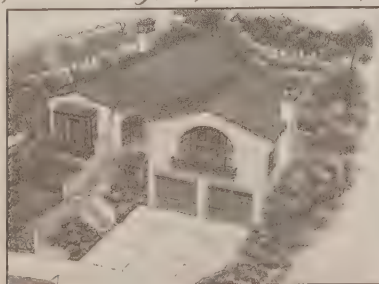
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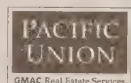


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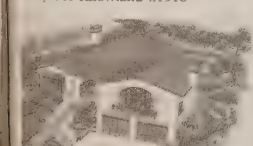


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 6161 FAIRLANE DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
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**PIEDMONT \$1,350,000**  
 107 REQUA ROAD (Open 2-4:30)  
 New Listing! Stylish, dramatic mid-century design. Expansive SF/bay views. 3BR/3BA, rampus rm. Martha Holstlaw x1312

**MONTCLAIR \$1,300,000**  
 6191 VIRGO RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
 Wonderful Mediterranean w/fabulous SF Golden Gate, Bay Bridge view. Built by Jeff Armstrong. Lots of built-ins & lots of charm. 4BR/3.5BA, 3 fireplaces, fully equipped gym. Francis Heath x1357

**MONTCLAIR \$1,295,000**  
 6235 CASTLE RD. (Open 1-4)  
 New Listing! French Normandy surrounded by beautiful gardens on nearly 1/2 acre lot rarely found in Montclair. 4BR/5BA w/"ball-rooms", turret rm, custom kit, & bay views. Close to parks & trails. Donna Costella x1355

**HILLER HIGHLANDS \$929,000**  
 22 STARVIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
 Spectacular bay view townhome. 3+BR/3BA, spacious light filled rooms, fireplaces in living room & master, beautiful details, private courtyard patio. Leslie Avant x1341

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**PIEDMONT \$899,000**  
 340 EL CERRITO AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
 This charming home is located in central Piedmont close to schools & parks. Warm period details combine w/tastefully updated features. 3BR/1.5BA, enclosed yard. Sandi Klemmer x1314

**MONTCLAIR \$869,000**  
 888 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)  
 New Listing! Distinctive traditional w/wonderful architectural details. Hardwood floors w/cherry inlay, box beam ceiling in living room, 3BR/2.5BA. Level garden & patio. Close to the Village. Nancy Moore x1302



**OAKMORE \$649,000**  
 1721 LEIMERT BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)  
 New Listing! English Tudor w/charming architectural details. Hrdwd flrs, built-ins & vaulted ceilings. 3BR/2BA, updated eat-in kitchen, basement w/shop, 1-car garage. Many improvements. Dick Cohen x1308



**ROCKRIDGE \$595,000**  
 5356 THOMAS AVE. (Open 2-5)  
 New Listing! Very special 3BR craftsman bungalow w/original Arts & Crafts details & bright custom kitchen. Filtered Bay & city views, level fenced yard, versatile semi-finished garage. Gini Erick x1339

Open Sunday

**MONTCLAIR \$595,000**  
 6858 AITKEN DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
 Stylish 2 yr old home. Architectural beauty, artistic colors. Gourmet kitchen/family rm. Near 4th St. shops. 2BR/2BA. Sophisticated! Nancy Noman x1373

**BERKELEY \$585,000**  
 1729 6TH STREET (Open 2-4:30)  
 Lovely light-filled 3BR/1BA charming updated bungalow. Home office/au-pair, sunny decks & flagstone patio. Updated eat-in kitchen. Jeffrey Himmel x1307



**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$579,000**  
 3116 JORDAN ROAD (Open 2-4:30)  
 New Listing! Quiet country setting includes remodeled kitchen, den, library, family room, 2 fireplaces, decks & attached garage. 4BR/2.5BA. Diane Earl McCan x1352

**MONTCLAIR \$529,000**  
 1801 WOODHAVEN WAY (Open 2-4:30)  
 Charming split-level 2BR/2BA w/family room. Remodeled kitchen, updated bath, random plank hardwood floors & beamed ceilings. Wooded view. Nancy Chew x1342

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$499,000**  
 39 HARBORD CT. (Open 2-4:30)  
 Charming Bungalow on quiet cul-de-sac in great neighborhood. 2BR/1.5BA, hardwood floors, living room w/fireplace & built-ins, landscaped yard. Ashley O'Neill x1368

**MONTCLAIR \$499,000**  
 6991 THORNHILL DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
 Level-in 3BR/2BA 1950's contemporary plus 1BR/1BA au-pair. Living room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace, open kit/dining rm. Sunny fenced front yard. Joanna Hirsch x1366

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**LOWER OAKMORE \$449,000**  
 4025 FRUITVALE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
 New Listing! 2+BR/1BA charming updated bungalow. Home office/au-pair, sunny decks & flagstone patio. Updated eat-in kitchen. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

**SAN LEANDRO \$339,000**  
 769 SAINT MARYS AVE. (Open 1-4)  
 Lovely light-filled 3BR/1BA Estudillo Estates area home. Fresh paint throughout, refinished hardwood floors, private garden, 2-car garage. Near Roosevelt School. Candy Benny x1328

**LAUREL \$299,000**  
 3936 PATTERSON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
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**PIEDMONT \$2,850,000**  
 New Listing! Classic craftsman on approximately 1/3 acre in central Piedmont. 5BR/3+BA, stunning kitchen/fam rm opens to English gardens. Quality renovation. Georgia Cornell x1325

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 Elegant contemporary home w/5BR, 4+BA, gourmet kitchen, formal dining. Thoughtful architecture w/high ceilings & large skylit rooms. Sunny patios front & back. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

**OAKLAND HILLS \$1,195,000**  
 Great 3BR/2.5BA ranch house on a gated acre w/panoramic bay views. Decks & patios w/views from each bedroom. Wonderful large level yard. Fabulous potential! Dee Knowland x1318

**NORTH BERKELEY \$995,000**  
 Spacious light filled 5+BR/3BA home w/wonderful Bay views. Lovely architectural details, recently updated, double lot w/gardens & level spaces for outdoor enjoyment. Leslie Avant x1341

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 Dramatic 4BR/2BA contemporary on secluded cul-de-sac. Bright & airy w/open beam cathedral ceilings. Hardwood floors, updated kitchen, 2-car garage & canyon vistas. Chuck Corwin x1353

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### MONTCLAIR \$639,000

New Listing! Sunny side Montclair off Colton. Open "Great Room" with hardwood. Tiled kitchen. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Au-pair set up. Level out rear play yard. Double garage. Panoramic valley views.  
Hal Castle x220



### BERKELEY \$599,000

North Berkeley! Unique home designed by Ballantyne with the aid of Andrew Lawson, Professor of Seismology. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths plus detached studio. Quiet street, walk to UC & shops.  
Mary Hanna x253



### OAKLAND \$565,000

Lovely one-level ranch style home on quiet cul-de-sac, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths plus family room, level out to patio and yard.  
Mary Hanna x253



### OAKLAND \$545,000

Great style, open floor plan 3 bd./2.5 ba. sanctuary in Wilshire Heights neighborhood. Granite raised fireplace, paneled wall conceals 308 cubic ft. of storage. Bonus room, 2 car gar. Pool, Japanese teahouse & outdoor BBQ grill & fireplace.  
Kathrina Verzosa x240



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Jody Dworzak x299



### ALAMEDA \$469,000

Adorable 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome in Harbor Bay Isle. Living with fireplace, formal dining room, family room, & updated baths. Near shopping, transportation, & Shoreline.  
Peter Fletcher 510.521.1177



### HILLER HIGHLANDS \$435,000

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Gayle Tantau x260



### ROCKRIDGE \$399,000

Upper Rockridge Condominium just listed! Prestigious Heritage of Claremont bldg. Spacious 2 bd. 2 bath unit with North Bay views. Walk to College Ave. Carefree living at Top Location. Call for details.  
Carol Cohen & Dana Cohen x225 & x248



### MONTCLAIR \$649,000

Open Sun 2-4:30pm  
New listing! Sophisticated contemporary 3+ bedroom, 2 bath with large family room & office. Private serene setting - fenced front yard surrounded with trees and flowers. Master suite with sitting area and private deck. Gourmet kitchen with separate eating area and large deck for outdoor entertaining.  
Susan Williams 510.409.6796



### ALBANY \$479,500

Open Sun 2-4:30pm  
Comfort in Albany! 1105 Neilson St. Just listed, great 2 bedroom, 1 bath with formal dining room, fireplace in living room, large kitchen, hardwood floors, family room.  
Keith Tower x254



### PIEDMONT PINES \$509,000

6267 Clive Ave.  
Jody Dworzak x299



### ROCKRIDGE \$399,000

5340 Broadway Terrace #309  
Carol Cohen & Dana Cohen x225 & x248



### ADAMS POINT

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Live/work condo. Terrific design in great location. Ideal for small business, art work, photography. Near 4th St. shops/restaurants  
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**1621 JOSEPHINE ST., BERKELEY**.....\$525,000  
New listing. Charming Craftsman nr Gourmet Ghetto. Lovely archit. details & a good flr plan. Hardwired flrs, frpl. Det gar/wkshp, gardens, patio.  
4BR/2BA. Open Sunday.  
Cheryl Cahn.....510.486.1495



**3039 MADELINE**.....\$385,000  
Charming 2BR/1BA bungalow in the Laurel. Great floor plan w/built-in office in large eat-in kitchen. Upgrades & wonderful yard. New paint; move-in condition! Open Sunday.  
Judy Ackerman.....510.339.4700



**2737 MONTICELLO**.....\$339,000  
Maxwell Park Traditional. 2+BR/1.5BA, plus converted garage; HWF, formal living/dining, fireplace, updated kitchen, level yard, enclosed patio, hills view. Wow! Open Sunday  
Victor Ratto.....510.339.4700

### FIRST OPEN

**2715 IVY DR., OAKLAND**.....\$298,000  
Sunday 2-4. Cozy & affordable, this Contemporary is on Ivy Hill. 2BR/1BA with an extra 2BR/1BA down. Two car off-street parking. Great location, great buy. Open Sunday.  
Don Kim.....510.486.1495

**55 SAMARIA LANE, CRESTMONT**.....\$525,000  
Sunday 2-5. Entertain in style! Wonderful light-filled home. 3BR/2BA, SF/GG Bridge view, updated kitchen, luxurious master suite, lovely outdoors  
Liat Bostick.....510.339.4700

**2443 ALIDA STREET**.....\$474,000  
Sunday 2-5. Lincoln Heights vu home. Lots of charm, light & ez living. HWF, FP, garage, 2+BR/2+BA, family room accessible to patio & wonderful level-out, level garden.  
Rachel Baier.....510.339.4700

**3008 DEAKIN ST., BERKELEY**.....\$399,000  
Sunday 1-4. Darling 2BR/1BA home; wood floors throughout, garage converted to office. Fabulous Berkeley location. Walk to Whole Foods.  
Julian Strawn.....510.339.4700

### BY APPOINTMENT

**ROCKRIDGE**.....\$525,000  
6BR/3BA. Rockridge fixer opportunity! Use as duplex or large home. Very spacious "as-is" estate sale - needs work. FP, bsmt, garage, nice yard  
Don Coelho.....510.339.4700

**Montclair**.....\$499,000  
Move right into this light & bright 2+BR/1.5BA Montclair home. HWF, 2 FP, 2-car garage, desirable street, very special!  
Carolyn Devol.....510.339.4700

**MONTCLAIR**.....\$459,000  
4BR/2BA Contemporary. Fireplace, decks, canyon views, some HWF, light & bright; near parks, easy Village access  
Lydia Nayo.....510.339.4700

**OAKLAND**.....\$315,000  
4BR/2BA. Large back yard, "fixer/as is." Don't miss it!  
Mahnaz Judson.....510.339.4700

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS**.....\$299,000  
2+BR/1BA. Major Fixer! 1930s Tudor in need of major restoration. This house is ideally located in Redwood Heights and is in need of structural & cosmetic repairs.  
Bonnie Ross.....510.339.4700

### OPEN SUNDAY

**6560 ESTATES, PIEDMONT SIDE MONTCLAIR**.....\$675,000  
Sunday 2-4:30. 4BR/3BA. Great space. Rec. room w/wet bar, 2 fireplaces, plank & parquet floors, new paint, kitchen inlaid  
Nancy Dickey, CRS/Becky Andersen.....510.339.4700

**4050 HARDING WAY, OAKMORE**.....\$549,000  
Sunday 1-4. Lovely 3BR/3BA Traditional. French doors, wood floors, enchanting yard w/gazebo, downstairs family room & bath w/separate entrance.  
Vicky Faulk.....510.339.4700

### LOTS

**1074 RISPIN DR.**.....\$99,000  
Vacant lots (3). Oakland/Berkeley border. Best value. Over 35,000 sq. ft. Upslope lots w/view atop. Behind Charming. Old plans for spectacular or modest home.  
Diana Kay.....510.486.1495

**O PALEY COURT, OAKLAND**.....\$675,000  
5-bridge view from approx. 4.3 acres - unique property  
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**SKYLINE BLVD.**.....\$175,000  
Montclair lot with view  
Mahnaz Judson.....510.339.4700

**OAKLAND/MONTCLAIR**  
Multiple lots available - some with approved plans.  
David Eckert.....510.339.4700

### BY APPOINTMENT

**RARE OPPORTUNITY**.....\$559,000  
Park Hills level home open to terrific garden plus private park. 3BR/2.5BA and family room, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, 2 blocks to Tilden Park.  
Diane Verducci.....510.486.1495

**PEACEFUL & CHARMING**.....\$495,000  
Gorgeous Craftsman near BART & Monterey Mkt. Fabulous designer kitchen, landscaped garden & separate art studio. 3BR/1BA.  
Diana Kay.....510.486.1495

**LOFT W/LIGHT**.....\$299,000  
Spectacular 4 level condo. 1+BR/1BA. Granite countertops & antique flooring in kitchen. Beautiful finishes. Corner unit in Tannery Lofts complex.  
Barbara Marienthal.....510.486.1495

**BERKELEY**.....\$899,000  
Wonderful Queen Anne on tree-lined street w/vu of the Bay & Mt. Tam. Three large units; owner's unit remodeled, new foundation & roof, large back yard.  
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**OAKLAND HILLS**.....\$602,000  
Sunny, spacious Contemporary in Redwood Heights. Balconies, Bay views, 5+BR/3BA, HWF, FDR, skylights, large lot. Like New!  
Elizabeth Makassian.....510.339.4700

**LAKE MERRITT LUXURY**.....\$589,000  
Lakeview condo in prestige building: hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room, new recessed lighting, old world charm.  
Lydia Nayo.....510.339.4700

### BUYER NEEDS

**In the Berkeley or Oakland Hills**, 4BR/2BA home up to \$1,200,000. Please call Josh Whitmer, 510.981.3027.

**Piedmont or Montclair area**. Minimum 3BR/1BA, some level yard, up to \$1,000,000. Please call Maura Allen, 510.981.3034

**Preferably in Berkeley Hills & Thousand Oaks area**, 4BR/2BA home up to \$700,000. Please call Kim & Barbara Marienthal, 510.981.3036

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1338 Bay St Open Sun, Main Island Hawaii Fry 510-521-5475, Kane & Associates	3800	2-4	\$995,000
1251 Sherman St Open Sunday Janette Spitz 510-221-1630, Raydale Real Estate	3800	2-4-30	\$755,000
1409 Carlton St Realty Associates Brent Weinstein (510) 429-0757	4 - 3 BA 3800	Sun 2-5	\$899,000
981 Pearl Open Sunday Gallagher & Lindsay, Ron Wang 510-749-1110	480/2BA	2-4	\$895,000
38 Sunnyvale Open Sat & Sun Nancy Bianchi 510-814-4819 Harbor Bay Realty	3800/2.5BA	2-4	\$869,000
29 Moore Court Open Sunday George Fujita 510-822-8222 Harbor Bay Realty	3800/2.5BA	2-4	\$849,000
135 Capetown Dr Open Sat & Sun, HBI Marlyn Oliver 510-865-8688, Kane & Associates	480	2-4	\$843,000
2221 San Jose Ave Open Sunday Continental Real Estate, Linda Larkin 510-822-4749	3 - 10/2BA	2-4	\$595,000
1263 Hansen Open Sunday William McMillen 510-814-4825 Harbor Bay Realty	3800/2BA	2-4	\$575,000

353 Channing Way Open Sunday Rings Liu 510-814-4848 Harbor Bay Realty	3800/2BA	2-4	\$555,000
353 Channing Way Open Sunday Elaine Hsieh 510-814-4821 Harbor Bay Realty	3800/2BA	2-4	\$555,000
1815 Chestnut Open Sunday Jane Patrick 510-814-4810 Harbor Bay Realty	2 - 10/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$549,000
27 Ennis Court Open Sunday, HBI Kathie Ng 510-736-7061, Kane & Associates	380	2-4-30	\$515,000
1423 Lincoln Ave Assist 2 Sell Howard Kane (510) 530-8330	3800/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$495,000
2615 Escorial Ave Open Sunday Tina Mestas 510-482-0195, Tel Air Realty, Inc.	480/2BA	100-430	\$473,000
1717 St. Charles St Open Sunday George Williams 510-814-4830 Harbor Bay Realty	480/2BA	2-4	\$455,000

602 Baywood Open Sat & Sun Janice Payne 510-814-4846, Mark Playsted 510-814-4874 Harbor Bay Realty	3800/2.5BA	2-4	\$449,000
2445 Escorial Ave Open Sunday Sam Huns, OMB, Inc 510-822-8074	3800/1.5BA	2-4	\$429,000

3108 El Paseo Open Sunday Gallagher & Lindsay, Signe Nelson 510-749-1103	480/2.5BA	2-4	\$400,000
1013 Versailles Open Sunday Bill Douglas 510-814-4839 Harbor Bay Realty	280/1BA	2-4	\$389,000

3435 Tonga Open Sunday Tom Young 510-814-4841 Harbor Bay Realty	280/2BA	2-4	\$385,500
603 Santa Clara Ave Open Sunday Paradise Realty, Ramon 510-823-0707	380/2BA	2-4	\$380,000

55 Garden Rd Open Sunday Elaine Hsieh 510-814-4839 Harbor Bay Realty	480/1.5BA	2-4	\$379,000
901 San Antonio Ave. Open Sunday Pat Hoffman Real Estate 925-484-9001 or 925-689-4422	2 bd/1 ba	12-4	\$360,000

3288 Central Ave. Open Sunday Bickley Real Estate, John & Ronda 510-469-1600	280/1BA	Sun 2-5	\$359,000
1007 Vardemar Open Sat & Sun, BFI Lillian Sheu 510-865-8584, Lane Bazo 510-821-5475, Kane & Associates	380	2-4	\$343,000

2834 Adams St Open Sunday, Main Island Kane & Associates	280	2-4	\$309,000
1170 9th St #27 Open Sunday Fred Christensen 510-814-4811 Harbor Bay Realty	180/1BA	2-4	\$239,500

523 Central Ave. Open Sunday Prudential, Jorge Jimenez 510-869-8886	380/1BA	2-4	\$365,000
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909 Pomona Ave 58 and Tracy, Berkeley Hills Realty, 510-824-9888 133	480/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$995,000
514 Masonic Kathie Brown, Berkeley Hills Realty, 510-824-9888 126	480/2BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$495,000
1105 Neilson St Kathie Brown, Berkeley Hills Realty, 510-824-9888 126	280/1BA	2-4-30	\$478,500
819 Key Route Blvd 58 and Tracy, Berkeley Hills Realty, 510-824-9888 133	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$370,000

## BERKELEY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
85 Gravit Dr Berkeley The Grubb Co. Debra J. Bryan (510) 339-0400	3800	Sun 2-4-30	\$2,250,000
34 Panoramic Way OPEN SUNDAY Jerry Moriarty 925/785-5445 C21 Heritage R.E.	780/4BA	1-3-30	\$1,295,000
2530-2541 Hilgard Ave Berkeley The Grubb Co. Tricia Swift (510) 339-0400	280/2BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$800,000
2947 Elmwood Ct Berkeley The Grubb Co. Bobe McRae (510) 339-0400	3800/3BA	2-4-30	\$695,000
2438 Russell Rayne Palmer, Prudential, 510-825-5143	4 - 11 - 12	Sun 2-5	\$685,000
778 Spruce St RED OAK, 510-280-2138, Diane	380/2BA	Sun 2-5	\$618,000
1725 6th St Pacific Union Nancy Roman (510) 339-1373	280/2BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$595,000
1711 Francisco RED OAK, 510-280-2148, Francine	Sun 2-4	2-4	\$529,000
2430 8th St N. Piedmont, Prudential, 510-845-0221	1 - 7-25	Sun 2-4	\$480,000

1372 Hopkins St Wells & Bennett Stan Hammond (510) 531-7000 0246	280/2BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$447,000
1431 Acton Crescent Ken Katz, Marvin Gardens, 510-527-2700 340	Sun 2-4	2-4	\$418,000
1737 Lincoln St Michael Friedman, Prudential, 510-845-0200	380/2BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$399,000

1517 6th & Cedar Warren Lai, Berkeley Hills Realty, 510-824-9888 114	380/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$380,000
1519 Oxford #J Mara Trilling, Berkeley Hills, 510-824-9888 118	280/1.5	Sun 2-4	\$389,000
3000 Deakin St OPEN SUNDAY Caldwell Banker Jillian Strawn (510) 339-4700	280/1BA	1-4	\$339,000

1178 Euclid #2 RED OAK, 510-280-2105, Keith	1/1 - left	Sun 1-4	\$299,000
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## BYRON

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
15057 Byron Hwy Open Sunday Vincent San Nicolas, Alameda Realty (510) 910-5204	2 - 10/2BA	2-4-30	\$120,000

## DANVILLE

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
175 Cameo Dr Dorcas Garvin 510-814-4871 Harbor Bay Realty	3580	2-5BA	Sun 2-4 \$810,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
821 Bonnie Dr Catherine Krueger, Marvin Gardens, 510-569-2819	480/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$835,000
777 Colusa Ave Carol Heath-Kin, Prudential, 510-625-2346	3 - 5/3BA	Sun 2-4	\$489,000

636 Elm RED OAK, 510-280-2148, Tim	480/2BA	Sun 2-4	\$389,000
2063 Junction RED OAK, 510-280-2104, Tom	280/1BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$395,000
5731 El Dorado Ave RED OAK, 510-280-2105, Resilience	106/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$370,000

6403 Conlon Ave Diane Strick-Denstz, Joana Realty, 510-824-8608	280/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$319,000
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## EL SOBRANTE

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
3902 Wesley Way Inc Ascet, Security Pacific, 510-273-9194	480/2BA	Sun 1-4	\$375,000

## KENSINGTON

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
250 Yale Ave Richard Morrison, Marvin Gardens, 510-527-9111	380/2BA	Sun 2-5	\$688,000
63 Ardmore Rd Kensington The Grubb Co. Lori Lombardo (510) 339-0400	480/2/1BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$995,000

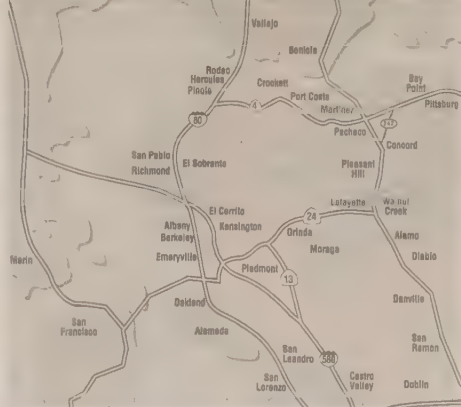
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## LAFAYETTE

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3340 St. Mary's Rd George Millmore, Prudential-Montclair, 510-339-9290	4 - 5/3BA	Sun 1-4	\$929,000

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1207 Killarney St Open Sunday Vincent San Nicolas, Alameda Realty (510) 910-5204	3 - 10/2BA	\$469,000	1-4



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6012 Skyline Blvd Oakland Hills The Grubb Co. Steve Michaelides (510) 339-0400	480/3BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$2,300,000
5925 Margarita Dr Upper Rockridge Pacific Union Dee Kneeland (510) 339-1318	5800/4/1BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$2,149,000

5953 Manchester Dr The Grubb Co. Bobe McRae (510) 339-0400	5 - 10/3BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$1,960,000
13070 Broadway Ter Oakland Hills Warren Chapman (510) 339-1923	4800	Sun 1-4	\$1,775,000

6023 Skyline Blvd Oakland Hills The Grubb Co. Jill Carrigan (510) 339-0400	4 - 10/3BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$1,750,000
514 Alvarado Rd Claremont Pacific Union Lewie Easterday (510) 339-1383	480/3BA	Sun 2-4	\$1,495,000

6361 Fairlane Dr Oakland Hills Pacific Union Dee Kneeland (510) 339-1318	5800/5/3BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$1,495,000
13470 Campus Dr Ridgeway Pacific Union Vicki Woodhead (510) 339-1334	4800/3/1BA	Sun 2-4	\$1,395,000

6181 Virgo Rd Montclair Pacific Union Francis Heath (510) 339-1357	4800/3/1BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$1,300,000
6225 Castle Drive Montclair Pacific Union Bonnie Costello (510) 339-1355	480/3BA	Sun 1-4	\$1,295,000

4821 Priclor Ave Held Marshwood, Prudential-Montclair, 510-339-9290	4800/3.5BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$1,238,000
1300 Mountain Blvd Montclair The Grubb Co. Katherine Cooper (510) 339-0400	4800/2/1BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$949,000

22 Starview Dr Hillier Highlands Pacific Union Leslie Avant (510) 339-1341	3 - 10/3BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$929,000
868 Mountain Blvd Montclair Pacific Union Nancy Moore (510) 339-1392	3800/2/1BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$898,000

5853 Saint Paul Ct Upper Rockridge, OPEN SUNDAY Caldwell Banker Michael Thompson (510) 339-4700	3 - 10/3BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$839,000
230 Sheridan Rd Upper Rockridge The Grubb Co. John Karnay (510) 339-0400	3800/3/1BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$829,000

262-264 Santa Rosa Ave Wells & Bennett, Kevin P. Kennedy (510) 531-7000 0234	Duplex	Sun 2-4-30	\$796,000
6000 Grizzly Peak Blvd. Skyline, OPEN SUNDAY Better Homes Laurel Strand (510) 339-9400	380/3BA	2-4-30	\$790,000

6225 Chabot Rd Rockridge The Grubb Co. Tricia Swift (510) 339-0400	3 - 10/2BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$775,000
990 Grosvenor Pl Howard Conners, Prudential-Montclair, 510-339-9290	3 - 10/2BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$748,000

4350 Bridgeview Dr Upper Rockridge The Grubb Co. Sherry Benninger (510) 339-0400	3 - 10/2BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$748,000
1784 Castleline Rd Oakland Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan (510) 331-7000 0237	480/2BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$725,000

3914 Midvale Oakland Agent Lynne Tilson (510) 834-0333	3 Units	Sun 2-4	\$698,000
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8620 Chelton Dr Colista Fort, Prudential, 510-845-0211	380/2.5	Sun 2-4	\$895,000
13085 Broadway Ter Montclair, Open Sun. Dan Wall Village Associates (525) 234-0505	480/2BA	1-4	\$688,000

8500 Echelon Dr Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY Caldwell Banker Nancy Dickey (510) 339-4700	480/3BA	2-4-30	\$675,000
1586 Treble Glen Rd The Grubb Co. Shelia Gallagher (510) 339-0400	380/1	BA	Sun 2-4-30 \$659,000

7112 Sayre Dr. Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY Sue Williams 510-408-4798 C21 Heritage R.E.	2 - 10/2BA	2-4-30	\$648,000
1721 Lucretia Blvd Oakland Pacific Union Dick Cohen (510) 339-1308	380/2BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$649,000

5350 Lawton St Rockridge The Grubb Co. Nacie Brown (510) 339-0400	4800/2/1BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$645,000
8427 Pinhaven Rd Angel Wilkins, Prudential-Montclair, 510-339-9290	480/2BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$629,000

6516 Heather Ridge Colista Fort, Prudential, 510-845-0211	380/2.5	Sun 2-5	\$628,000
4414 Park Blvd. Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY Better Homes Khalid Nasir (510) 339-8400	380/2BA	2-4-30	\$619,000

3265 Monterey Oakland Hills, OPEN SUNDAY Caldwell Banker Elizabeth Malkinson (510) 339-4700	5 - 10/3BA	1-4-30	\$602,000
110 Glenwood Glade Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY Better Homes Dece Rosale 510-339-4000	2 - 10/2BA	2-4-30	\$599,000

6555 Alken Dr Montclair Pacific Union Teri Carlisle (510) 339-1305	3800/2/1BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$595,000
5356 Thomas Ave Rockridge Pacific Union Gini Erick (510) 339-1339	380	Sun 2-5	\$595,000

6308 Bryant Ave Rockridge Laurton Associates Rae Kites (510) 547-9970	380/2BA	Sun 1-5	\$585,000
3116 Jordan Rd Rockridge Heights Pacific Union Diane Eric McGan (510) 339-1352	4800/2/1BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$578,000

9 Buckley Ct OPEN SUNDAY Mary Hanna 510-339-8900, 1233 C21 Heritage R.E.	380/2BA	2-4-30	\$565,000
30 Roonock Rd Rockridge The Grubb Co. Chris Cohn (510) 339-0400	3800/2/1BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$559,000

4050 Harding Way Lower Rockridge, OPEN SUNDAY Caldwell Banker Vicky Faulk (510) 339-4700	380/2BA	1-4	\$549,000
507 Morphet Julie Lehman, Prudential, 510-845-0211	280/1BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$548,000

2915 Frye St. Winthrop Heights, OPEN SUNDAY Kathrina Vozzsa 510-339-6160, 1240 C21 Heritage R.E.	3800/2.5BA	2-5	\$546,000
1001 Woodhaven Way Montclair Pacific Union Nancy Chew (510) 339-1342	280/2BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$526,000

85 Samaria Lane Oakland, OPEN SUNDAY Caldwell Banker Liat Boetick (510) 339-4700	380/2BA	2-5	\$525,000
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5519 McMillen St Prudential California Realty, 510-845-0200	2 - 11 - 12	Sun 2-4-30	\$519,000
2454 Wilbur Agl. Rhonda, (510) 721-7154	480/3BA	Sun 2-4-30	\$510,000
6267 Clive Ave. Piedmont Pines, OPEN SUNDAY.	380/2BA	2-4-30	\$500,000
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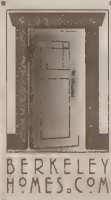
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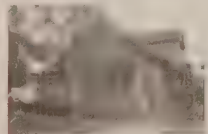
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**Inside** Horowitz, Rowbury 'Duke' it out at Stanford [C2]

**Inside** 'Lanes' merges issues of race, class effectively [C3]

## Big dogs run at Oak relays — Duffy takes 3,200 meters

By Mike McGreehan  
STAFF WRITER

A prestigious track and field meet such as the 23rd annual Oakland Invitational Relays always is a major story in itself, particularly as it occurs in such a historic site as Cal's Edwards Stadium.

Of course, track and field involves many vignettes. And there were a number of interesting ones on Saturday.

St. Mary's High School senior Bridget Duffy won the girls 3,200 quite comfortably in 11:05.85, almost seven full seconds faster than second-place finisher Jessie Baldwin (11:12.68) of Milpitas High.

Duffy broke into the lead from the start and set the early pace. Midway through the race, how-

ever, she dropped behind, but never lost sight of the leader. Duffy retook the lead and displayed a strong kick the last two laps.

"I wasn't feeling too good before I started (the race)," said Duffy, who committed to Cal earlier in the week. "I just tried to hang in there and have good closing laps."

At Cal, Duffy will see plenty of Edwards Stadium. I'm excited about it, she said. "I love this place."

Solomon Welch, Duffy's teammate at St. Mary's, won two events. Welch took first place in the boys long jump (22 feet, 8 1/4 inches) and triple jump (47-8 1/4).

Bishop O'Dowd's Inman Breau did well in both events, too, placing second in the long

jump (21-7 1/4) and third in the triple jump (44-9 1/4).

As expected, Kamaiya Warren of St. Mary's won the girls discus with a toss of 150-5. O'Dowd's Allyson Criner was third at 133-9.

Warren also won the shot put with an effort of 44-5 1/4. O'Dowd's Petulisa Mausia placed sixth at 38-1 1/4.

Overall, St. Mary's won the girls competition with 88 points. James Logan finished second with 72, followed by Merrill-West with 55, O'Dowd with 47 and Holy Names with 38.

Bellarmino-San Jose took the boys title with 69 points. Logan was second here, too, with a score of 64.

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ST. MARY'S RUNNER STEVE MURPHY was the second leg on the Panthers' medley relay team. With Ryan Koogler, Omar Flood and Rudy Vasquez, Murphy and the Panthers placed second to Vallejo in 3 minutes, 41.47 seconds.

## Berkeley bumped from 1st place

Alameda freshman Pereira hurls 4-hitter, tops Warner in pitcher's duel

By Bill Kruisink  
STAFF WRITER

Saying she "likes to finish what she starts," Alameda pitcher Sierra Pereira went the distance against Berkeley, hurling her team to a 3-0 win in Alameda.

In tossing her first complete game of the season, Pereira, a freshman left-hander, yielded just four hits, walked one and struck out 13 to earn the victory.

The win raised Alameda to 3-0 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League (10-5 overall), while dropping Berkeley to 6-5, 2-1 ACCAL. While the Hornets knocked the Yellow Jackets out of a first-place tie, they still have company. El Cerrito also improved to 3-0 in league with a 12-7 win over Richmond.

"I really wanted to finish the game," Pereira said. "My defense was there and the offense was (delivering)."

Alameda's defense was especially effective. Catcher Jenny Archuleta threw out two Yellow Jackets attempting to steal second and second baseman Nancy Finney short-hopped a grounder then flipped to shortstop Julie Stauder at second for a big putout in the fourth. In the fifth inning, Alameda caught a runner off third following an infield error.

Alameda needed all the good fielding plays it could get to top Berkeley. The Yellow Jackets out-hit the Hornets 4-3, but stranded six runners.

Then, too, the 'Jackets faced one tough pitcher. "It was pretty educational," Berkeley coach Lisa Iancin said. "We had some good competition in the preseason, but this was the best pitching we've seen. I think



BERKELEY'S JOE WARNER had her riser working against Alameda, striking out eight. Unfortunately, the Yellow Jackets faced left-hander Sierra Pereira, who fanned 13. Playing at Alameda on April 10, Berkeley fell to the Hornets 3-0.

our girls learned you can't be intimidated by a fast pitcher — you just have got more excited."

Alameda got excited first when, with two outs in the bottom of the third, Finney reached on an infield error. Singles by Alie Musso and Meghan Pipkin (2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI) gave the Hornets a 2-0 edge. Alameda scored a final unearned run in the sixth. In between the third and sixth, Berkeley rapped out three hits and had runners in scoring position four times.

Caitlin Druis got the Yellow Jacket's first hit off Pereira, singling up the middle to lead off the second. She stole second, but failed to get further when Pereira fanned the next three Yellow Jacket batters.

In the fourth, Bailey Holloway reached on an Alameda error, but was gunned out attempting to steal. Berkeley's next hitter, Joe Warner, singled along the third-base line, but was erased when Druis sent a sharp grounder to Finney, setting up the force at

second.

And so it went. Berkeley put a total of three batters aboard in the fifth, losing one in a steal attempt and leaving Allani Kelly, who had walked, at second and Zoe Hitchner, who'd reached on an error, at first.

In the sixth, Holloway singled to lead things off and advanced to third on an infield error off the bat of Druis. Thinking Druis might steal, Alameda threw down to second, hoping to catch Holloway sneaking home. It worked. Holloway losing her footing on the loose gravel between third and home.

In all, Berkeley put 10 batters on base, while Alameda had just six base runners.

Warner was sharp in the circle, yielding just three hits over six innings. Her rise ball was very effective, leading to eight strikeouts. She walked none and finished having delivered just 77 pitches.

In winning the game, Pereira served up 101 pitches in her seven innings of work.

**Holy Names 8, Albany 3**

OK, the Cougars didn't ring up a win. But they did make a statement at Memorial Field.

Hitting against Laura Ferreira, one of the top pitchers in East Bay, the Cougars (2-8, 1-4 BSAL) managed to rap out four hits, including doubles by Krislyn Patterson, Elizabeth Ali and Danielle Moore. In fact, Albany actually led Holy Names (7-2-1, 4-0 BSAL) in the early going.

With starter Sydney McIver blanking the Monarchs through two innings, the Cougars scored once in the bottom of the first on doubles by Patterson and Ali. Albany made it 2-0 in the second when Lisa Connelly was hit by a pitch and advanced around to score for 2-0.

But the Monarchs pushed three runs across in the top of the third, then added four more runs in the fifth to put the win in the book.

Ferreira wound up with 17 strikeouts. The Fresno State-

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### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Soccer tryouts

The Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League Mavericks are holding tryouts for the fall season. Tryouts will be for Class I and III girls and Class I boys. Players are advised to arrive 30 minutes in advance for check-in. Expect each tryout to last two hours

#### Girls tryouts

(all times subject to change)

■ Under-15 — April 14, Anderson 2, 2 p.m.; April 21, Anderson 1, 1 p.m.; April 28, Gabe West, 3 p.m.

■ Under-16 — April 14, Anderson 1, 2 p.m.; April 21, Fielding West, noon; April 28, Anderson 2, 3 p.m.

■ Under-17 — April 14, Anderson 1, 4 p.m.; April 21, Fielding West, 2 p.m.; April 28, Fielding West, 2 p.m.

■ Under-18/19 — April 14, Anderson 2, 4 p.m.; April 21, Gabe West 1 p.m.; April 28, Fielding West, 10 a.m.

#### Boys tryouts

(all times subject to change):

■ Under-15 — April 14, Gabe West, 1 p.m.; April 21, Fielding West, 10 a.m.; April 28, Anderson 1, 1 p.m.

■ Under-16 — April 14, Gabe West; April 21, Gabe East; April 28, Anderson 1 (all times 3 p.m.).

■ Under-17 — April 14, Anderson, noon; April 21, Anderson, 1 p.m.; April 28, Gabe West, 1 p.m.

■ Under-18/19 — April 14, Anderson 1, noon; April 21, Gabe West 3 p.m.; April 28, Fielding West, noon.

Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League Class III boys teams are being formed by the following clubs: Albany/Berkeley (tel. 848-1339), San Pablo (223-8859), Richmond (620-0698), El Cerrito (869-KICK) and Mersey (524-4625). Please contact these clubs directly or log on to [www.accysl.org](http://www.accysl.org) for tryout schedules.

**The Walnut Creek Soccer Club Strikers**, an under-17 girls premier team, will hold tryouts from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Ultramar Field in Concord on Sunday, April 14, and from 4-6:30 p.m. at El Divisadero Park in Walnut Creek on Tuesday, April 16. The Strikers are the current California Youth Soccer Association-North Premier League champion. They are coached by former St. Mary's College assistant Tom Ginocchio. For more information, call Ginocchio at 925-937-4466. Or check out the club Web site at [www.WSCS.org](http://www.WSCS.org).

**The Bay Oaks Soccer Club** is conducting tryouts for its fall season. Dates, times and locations are subject to change, so please consult [www.bayoaks.net](http://www.bayoaks.net) or call 510-567-1177 before the pub-

lished tryout date for any changes. Players must wear shin guards should bring one white shirt and one dark shirt. Players should contact the coach if they cannot attend a tryout.

#### Girls tentative schedules are as follows:

■ Under-15 — April 15, Alameda Point 1, 6-8 p.m.; April 17, Alameda Point 1, 6-8 p.m.

■ Under-16 — April 16, Alameda Point 1, 5-7 p.m.; April 18, Alameda Point 1, 5-7 p.m.

#### Boys tentative schedules are as follows:

■ Under-17 — April 15, Alameda Point 2, 5-7 p.m.; April 17, Alameda Point 2, 5-7 p.m.

■ Under-18/19 — April 16, Alameda Point 2, 5-7 p.m.; April 18, Alameda Point 2, 5-7 p.m.

**The Rockridge Soccer Club** will hold tryouts for its Class III Sting teams at Alameda Point on Sunday, April 21 and Sunday, April 28.

#### Tryouts for April 21 are as follows:

■ Under-14 girls — 9 a.m.-noon (Jeff Blair, coach)

■ Under-14 boys — 12:30-3:30 p.m. (John Gourhan, coach)

■ Under-16 boys — 3:30-6:30 p.m. (Gerard Brogan, coach)

■ Under-19 girls — 3:30-6:30 p.m. (Blaise Curret, coach)

#### Tryouts for April 28 are as follows:

■ Under-19 boys (second-year team) — 9 a.m.-noon (Adam Oliveri, coach)

■ Under-12 boys — 12:30-3:30 p.m. (Ali Belkacem, coach)

■ Under-12 girls — 3:30-6:30 p.m. (Sussi Voak, coach)

■ Under-19 boys (first-year team) — 3:30-6:30 p.m. (Carlos Quezada, coach)

Players are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start. Proceed to the field area, sign in, and sign the medical release form. Bring appropriate soccer gear and plenty of water.

**Basketball**

**The Oakland Neighborhood Basketball League** will celebrate its 30th year of summer play this year. ONBL provides Bay Area youths 8-18 a chance to participate in a very competitive basketball league. Registration deadline is June 7 with league play starting June 24.

Registration is available at the City of Oakland Parks and Recreation Department office (1520 Lakeside Drive). Entries also are available online at [SPortability.com](http://SPortability.com).

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## On Deck

### Baseball

■ **Piedmont at Albany**, today at 3:30 p.m. — Though Salesian (4-1 BSAL) suffered its first loss in league play and dropped into a tie for first place with St. Mary's, the Gristleins still look to be the power in the BSAL. So every win the Cougars (3-1 BSAL, 8-3 overall) can rack up is important.

■ **Beating the Highlanders** would be a big deal. The Scots (9-5, 2-1) will bring four powerful pitchers to Cougar Field and, as with Albany, need every win they can get to stay competitive against Salesian.

■ **Encinal at Berkeley**, 3:30 p.m. April 17 — If Encinal defeats island rival

Alameda and Berkeley tops winless Hercules today, the two will head to this confrontation sporting identical 4-0 records in league.

While the Jets had a lackluster non-league season (2-8), they are nonetheless the defending North Coast Section 2A East Bay champs. But should the Yellow Jackets get past the Jets, the door will be wide open for an ACCAL title. The Jackets defeated Pinole Valley and play the only other undefeated team in the league, El Cerrito (10-3, 3-0), on April 19.

### Softball

■ **El Cerrito at Alameda**, 3:30 p.m. April 17 — This matchup could be for

the title. Both clubs end the week as the only remaining undefeated teams in the league with 3-0 records.

The Gauchos are hot, running their overall record to 7-3. Last spring, the team won just two games all season. But the squad's big challenges are just on the horizon — games against Pinole Valley and Berkeley, as well as Alameda.

The Hornets are the two-time defending league champs and have already defeated Pinole and Berkeley once. Expect Alameda to send freshman stand-out Sierra Pereira to the circle to face the only other undefeated team in the league.

### Athletes of the week

■ **Danielle Moore, Krislyn Patterson and Elizabeth Ali, Albany softball** — The trio accomplished the near impossible, drilling doubles against Holy Names' flame-throwing pitcher Laura Ferreira. Though the Cougars lost the game 8-3, Moore, who also pitched 1 2-3 innings, Patterson and Ali showed they have no fear when facing the fastest arm in the league.

■ **Joe Sorno, St. Mary's baseball** — Sorno hurled the Panthers past Salesian and into first place in the BSAL. He struck out eight in allowing just three hits.

■ **Brian Haller, St. Mary's golf** — Haller led the Panthers past BSAL op-

ponents Piedmont and St. Joseph this past week, firing a pair of 35s, both at Mira Vista Golf Course. St. Mary's (5-1) trails only St. Patrick's (6-0) in the standings.

■ **Greg Minix and Ryan De La Rosa, El Cerrito baseball** — The pair each ripped three hits with a double as the Gauchos rolled past Richmond 17-0 and into a three-way tie for first place in the ACCAL.

■ **Armen Zakarian and Teddy Firestone, El Cerrito volleyball** — Zakarian had 14 kills, Firestone 11 as the Gauchos downed Berkeley 3-0. The win landed El Cerrito (2-1) in a tie for first place in the ACCAL with Richmond (3-1).

### Quotes of the week

■ "I wasn't feeling too good before I started (the race). I just tried to hang in there and have good closing laps."

— St. Mary's distance runner Bridget Duffy after winning the 3,200-meter race at the Oakland Invitational Relays. Duffy, who committed to Cal this past week, won the race by seven seconds.

■ "It was pretty educational. We had some good competition in the preseason, but this was the best pitching we've seen. I think our girls learned you can't be intimidated by a fast pitcher — you just have got more excited."

— Berkeley softball coach Lisa Iancin after the Yellow Jackets were shut out by Alameda left-hander Sierra Pereira.



# Horowitz, Rowbury 'Duke' it out at Stanford Invitational

By Mike McGreehan  
STAFF WRITER

Clara Horowitz's running exploits have generated news since the start of her freshman year at the Head-Royce School nearly four years ago. In that time, Horowitz has accomplished much. In the fall, she won her third consecutive North Coast Section Division V cross country championship. She then went on to capture her third straight state title, too.

For the past couple years, Horowitz — a Berkeley resident bound for Duke University in the fall — has looked to make her mark in track distance events, too.

And she has done well. Horowitz was especially sharp at the Stanford Invitational on March 29 as she took a close second in the 3000-meter race to Shannon Rowbury of Sacred Heart Cathedral-San Francisco.

Rowbury won the event in 9 minutes, 38.41 seconds. Horowitz followed in 9:41.9.

"If it had been a 3,200 (a more customary distance for Horowitz), the race would have finished in 10:20," Horowitz said.

In a figurative sense, Horowitz and Rowbury "Duked" it out at Stanford, as Rowbury also will head to Duke in the fall. But in a very real sense, though, the two seniors created a most exciting race.

Horowitz broke free from the pack with about two laps to go, but Rowbury soon followed. Rowbury eventually passed Horowitz with about a quarter-lap to go. For those in attendance, the two future Blue Devils created a most memorable finish.

"It was really exciting — I ran about a 20-second PR," Horowitz said. "Even though I got outkicked at the end, tactically, it was one of the best races I ever ran. The race gave me a lot of confidence. I really felt great out there. I felt like I was flowing well."

## Looking ahead

With the Stanford Invitational behind her, Horowitz looked ahead to the Acadia Invitational, coming up this Friday and Saturday. Horowitz



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**CLARA HOROWITZ** finished just behind Shannon Powbury at the Stanford Invitational on March 29. Both Horowitz, who hails from Berkeley, and Rowbury are headed to Duke University next fall.

will run the 1,600 at Acadia.

This past Saturday, Horowitz stopped for a tune-up of sorts when she ran the 800 at the Oakland Invitational Relays at Cal's Edwards Stadium.

Horowitz did not expect to win the race, as she is not accustomed to competing at such a relatively short distance.

And the race pretty much went as expected, too, as Horowitz took sixth place in 2:17.03.

"I placed where I thought I would," she said. "I was kind of hoping for a better time, though."

Horowitz said the race started slowly — of course, the Oakland Invitational 800 wasn't her main focus, either. The purpose of the race, again, was to prepare for Acadia.

"(Acadia) is my first (outdoor) mile," she said Saturday. "So, it's something I've been waiting for this entire season. Now

it's only a week away."

Horowitz hopes that competing at disparate distances the past two weekends will better prepare her for Acadia.

"Last week, I ran 3,000 to get strength, and to prove to myself that I could run two miles," she said. "But because I've been running so many 3,200s this year, my coaches thought it would be a good idea to run an 800. I want to be ready for any pace. I want to be ready for a fast pace and I think I am."

If Horowitz can run as well as she did at Stanford — or in many of her earlier races, for that matter — Acadia promises to become another memorable event in her most successful prep career.

## Posimuel

**UNDER THE ROOF:** On March 10, Horowitz finished third in the mile run at the Nike Indoor Classic in Landover, Md. Horowitz ran a 4:57.5.

"It was an indoor PR for me," she said. "The race was a lot of fun, a good experience."

Molly Huddle, a sophomore from Elmira, N.Y., placed first in 4:46.4, a national indoor record for a sophomore runner. Huddle surpassed the previous sophomore record held by Julia Stamps of Santa Rosa High School. Stamps ran 4:46.73 in 1995. Huddle also surpassed the meet record set in 2000 by Alejandra Barrientos of San Lorenzo Valley-Felton (4:48.96).

Senior Nikki Bohnsack of Rockford, Mich., was a distant second to Huddle at 4:57.1.

**AN INTERESTING EVENT:** In addition to the records previously held by Stamps and Barrientos, it is interesting to note that the freshman national record for the girls indoor mile still belongs to Mary Decker, who ran 4:40.1 in 1973.

The overall national high school record for the event still belongs to Debbie Heald, who covered the distance in 4:38.5 on March 17, 1972. Heald was a junior at Neff-La Mirada at the time.

# Bay Area Fishing Report

By Curtis Pashelka  
STAFF WRITER

## THE BAYS

**SUISUN:** The fishing has remained steady at Virgil's Bait in Suisun City, with sturgeon still coming in the 50-60 pound range. Montezuma Slough and Little Cut are two of the hot spots for strippers.

The best time to get sturgeon has been the early morning or late afternoon. Strippers have been caught by anglers using shad and bullhead, and sturgeon, as usual, have been attracted to grass and ghost shrimp.

With the inconsistent weather, the staff at C-Biscuit Bait Shop in Vallejo has seen things slow down. The Napa River hasn't been as busy as it was last week. Depending on the weather, the fish have been moving from shallow to deep water and back again. Things probably will remain that way until the weather stays warm for a long period of time.

Jerry Kenny of Walnut Creek caught a 55-pound, 56-inch sturgeon on grass shrimp at the east end of the Mothball Fleet, and Tony Solano of Hayward hooked a 68.5-pound, 68-inch sturgeon on eel at the Montezuma Slough. At the same area, Frank Arnold of Richmond caught a 45-pound, 64-inch sturgeon. Anglers also have been catching monsters around the area of Buoy No. 4.

## THE RIVERS

**SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING TO ANDERSON:** The trout fishing has been up and down lately. The river is at 4,000 cfs and steady. There have been some 10-20 fish days, but all are catch and release. The water is low and clear and there's a good bug hatch when the weather is warm. Anglers have been fishing with spin gear, flatfish and glo-bugs. Fly fishing has been most productive when using nymphs and glo poppups No. 14.

## THE DELTA

Audie Urbano of Hap's Bait and Tackle in Rio Vista said the stripper run finally is taking off on both sides of the Delta. An increasing number of striped bass are moving toward the north area. Anglers are having success using blood worms, shad and sardines. Trolling with broken-back lures tossing Rat-L-Trap along the west bank of Decker Island or the Old Sacramento River at Long Island and the Siletto Bridge are productive as well.

Sturgeon fishing continues to be excellent this week, as anglers are taking some up to 103 pounds by soaking grass shrimp, ghost shrimp and pile worms. Anglers are hooking keeper fish during the change of tides in Decker, Power Lines and Sherman. Cache Slough and the Rio Vista Bridge also have been hot. The catch of the week was from Nevada's Paul Kirkpatrick, who hooked a 103-pound sturgeon on ghost shrimp at Collinsville. The biggest striper was a 37-pounder caught using Rat-L-Trap at Prospect.

Several strippers and sturgeon were brought into Gotchal Bait in Antioch. Cliff Rimmer of Antioch caught a 42-pound striper on grass shrimp at Decker Island, Mary Han of Milpitas caught a 6-pound striper on shad at Sherman Island, Dave Palmer of Anti-

och caught a 45-pound sturgeon on grass shrimp at West Island, and Jerry and Dustin Jones and Ron Wagner of Antioch caught a 55-pound and a 30-pound sturgeon on grass shrimp at Chiam Island.

Discovery Bay also has shown some action. Jerry Coats of Pittsburg caught 22 pounds of crappie on minnows, Ashley Bass of Antioch caught a 5½-pound catfish on minnows and Mario Johnson of Richmond caught 7- and 8-pound catfish on clams.

Steve Cordova of Pittsburg caught a 7½-pound black bass on a 12-inch worm at Rock Slough, Norbert Toon of Brentwood caught a 6½-pound bass using rattle trap at Contra Loma and Phil Webb of Antioch caught an 85-pound sturgeon on eel near Pittsburg.

## THE LAKES

**SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE:** The bait fishing for trout has been very productive but is subject to finding the correct depth to work. The fast elevation rise has the trout scattered from just below the surface early in the day down as deep as 40 feet at night. In the lower lake, the water temperature drops very gradually with no moline to define where the fish may be hanging. Downriggers or leaded trese Powerbats also is doing well. For bass, try a plastic worm or bait in 15 feet of water or less.

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**LAFAVETTE RESERVOIR, LAFAYETTE:** Powerbait and night-crawlers are the baits to use in the south and east coves. The Department of Fish and Game will be planting 1,000 pounds of trout the third week of April with Mt. Lassen planting the fourth week of the month. Another trophy plant is scheduled for the week of April 15 from Mt. Lassen. The park now stays open until 8 p.m.

Catching trout this week were Marcel Bordeaux and Todd Strand of Pleasant Hill, Mark and Kelsey Johnson of Martinez, Bill Oliver of Martinez, Johnny McKinney, Jacob Brill and Ben Bullock of Albany, and Jake and Jeff Johnson of Ukiah, Calif.

**SHADOW CLIFFS, PLEASANTON:** The East Bay Regional Park District has contracted with Mt. Lassen to plant more than 4,000 pounds of thunder trout during the next two months. This will be the only thunder trout plant in any lake in the Bay Area.

Thunder trout fight harder than regular rainbows, providing line-breaking action for anyone lucky or skilled enough to hook one. In contrast to regular rainbows, thunder trout tend to hug the surface and shoreline. Brightly colored lures such as Kastmasters or Superdupers are effective.

**LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE:** There is a scheduled trout plant of 1,000 pounds today by the EBRPD. Trout bait fishing at the south end still is producing lots of limits, but the trout also are starting to work their way north. Many limits are being had in the narrows and Swallow Bay. Crave and predator are the best baits right now. The dam also has started to produce many limits. Trolling for trout has

been great this week, but bait fishing has been better. Kastmasters are working great and the hot lure right now is the buoyant and the hot lure right now are excellent for trolling. Broken-back rapalas are working well with flashers. Catfish are being caught in the narrows and in the coves, and worms and anchovies. Bass fishing is very hot, with lots of 4-7 pound mouths coming out of the narrows.

**LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY:** Rainbow trout are hitting pretty good with some anglers catching 15. The lake also has had a steady amount of whoppers in the 5-6 pound range. Trolling is improving as the water warms and fish become more active. Bait fishing with rainbow or trese Powerbat also is doing well. For bass, try a plastic worm or bait in 15 feet of water or less.

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## Softball

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bound senior walked none and gave up four hits. McIver and reliever Moore yielded just six hits in the losing cause.

**Salesian 7, St. Mary's 0**  
Allison Donnelly hurled a two-hitter in Richmond as the Chieftains improved to 3-1 in league. The Panthers fell to 0-3 in the BSAL. Phoebe Boone doubled for St. Mary's.

## Briefs

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Entry forms can also be mailed or faxed to you by calling 238-3494, or by faxing a request to Frederick L. Morris III at 986-2823.

**The City of Oakland Parks and Recreation Department** will hold high school basketball summer tournaments for boys and girls. Girls divisions will play June 28-30. Boys divisions will play July 5-7. Games will take place at Merritt College and Skyline High School.

Twelve teams will be placed into two six-team pools. Teams will play all other teams in the opposite pool. An entry fee of \$200 is due by May 31. Registration is available at the City of Oakland Parks and Recreation Department office (1520 Lakeside Drive).

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## Softball

**The City of Oakland Parks and Recreation Department** is organizing slow-pitch softball leagues in the men's, women's and co-rec categories.

League play begins April 29 and registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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## Coaches needed

**The Warriors Youth Football and Cheerleaders Association** is a nonprofit public organization with a program designed to reach children in the greater Oakland area, including Alameda, Berkeley, Piedmont, Emeryville, Hayward, Oakland, Richmond, San Leandro, and other cities in the East Bay.

## STANDINGS

Baseball			
	W	L	GB

PREP	W	L	GB
ACCAL			
Berkeley	3	0	—
El Cerrito	3	0	—
Encinal	3	0	—
Alameda	1	2	2
De Anza	1	2	2
Pineole Valley	1	2	2
Hercules	0	3	2
Richmond	0	3	2

Wednesday's results  
Berkeley 5, Alameda 4  
El Cerrito 17, Richmond 0  
Encinal 5, Pineole Valley 4  
De Anza 15, Hercules 5

BSAL			
	W	L	GB

St. Mary's	3	0	—
Salesian	4	1	—
Albany	3	1	½
Piedmont	2	1	1
St. Patrick	3	2	1
St. Elizabeth	0	1	2
St. Joseph	1	3	2½
John Swett	1	4	3
Kennedy	0	4	3½

Wednesday's results  
Piedmont 15, John Swett 24  
Kennedy at St. Elizabeth, p.p.d.  
St. Patrick 10, St. Joseph 1  
St. Mary's 4, Salesian 2

PREP			
	W	L	GB

BSAL			
St. Patrick	6	0	—
St. Mary's	5	1	—
Piedmont	3	3	3
St. Joseph	2	4	4
Salesian	2	4	4
John Swett	0	6	6

Wednesday's result  
St. Mary's 158, St. Joseph 168  
Tuesday's results  
St. Patrick 157, St. Joseph 170  
Salesian 172, John Swett 242  
St. Mary's 150, Piedmont 164

PREP			
	W	L	GB

BSAL			
St. Patrick	6	0	—
St. Mary's	5	1	—
Piedmont	3	3	3
St. Joseph	2	4	4
Salesian	2	4	4
John Swett	0	6	6

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St. Mary's 158, St. Joseph 168  
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Our mission to instill within each youth the principles of community service, sportsmanship, academic responsibility, honesty, self-esteem, loyalty, courage, cooperation and reverence to positively further their growth and emergence into society. For more information log on to [www.eastbaywarriors.org](http://www.eastbaywarriors.org).

We need cheer coaches and assistant coaches for our teams. We are looking for dependable people to work with the following age groups:

Mitey Mites — 7-9 years  
Fr. Pee-wee — 8-11  
Pee-wee — 9-12  
Jr. Midgets — 10-13  
Midgets — 11-15

Background checks are required for all coaches, along with CPR/first aid certification training. If you are interested in working with youth and coaching for an organization that's all about kids, call 510-869-4760 or e-mail us at [eb-warriors@yahoo.com](mailto:eb-warriors@yahoo.com).

Softball			
	W	L	GB

PREP	W	L	GB
ACCAL			
Alameda	3	0	—
El Cerrito	3	0	—
Berkeley	2	1	1
Encinal	2	1	1
Hercules	1	2	2
Pineole Valley	1	2	2
De Anza	0	3	3
Richmond	0	3	3

Wednesday's results  
Alameda 3, Berkeley 0  
El Cerrito 12, Richmond 7  
Pineole Valley 11, Encinal 1  
Hercules 10, De Anza 5

BSAL			
	W	L	GB

John Swett	4	0	—
Holy Names	3	0	½
St. Patrick	3	1	1
Salesian	2	1	1½
Piedmont	1	2	2½
St. Elizabeth	0	1	2½
St. Joseph	1	2	2½
Kennedy	1	3	3
Albany	1	4	3½
St. Mary's	0	3	3½

Wednesday's results  
Holy Names 8, Albany 3  
John Swett 3, Piedmont 0  
Kennedy 16, St. Elizabeth 7  
St. Patrick 12, St. Joseph 0  
Salesian 7, St. Mary's 0

Volleyball			
	W	L	GB

ACCAL			
El Cerrito	2	0	—
Richmond	3	1	—
Alameda	1	2	1½
Berkeley	1	2	1½
De Anza	1	2	1½
Encinal	1	2	1½

Wednesday's result  
Richmond 15-9, 15-11, 8-15, 15-13  
Tuesday's results  
El Cerrito 4, Berkeley 15-1, 15-2, 15-7  
Encinal 4, Alameda 11-15, 15-5, 10-12, 15-11  
De Anza 4, Richmond 11-15, 9-15, 16-15, 15-11, 18-16

PREP BOYS			
	W	L	GB

ACCAL			
El Cerrito	2	0	—
Richmond	3	1	—
Alameda	1	2	1½
Berkeley	1	2	1½
De Anza	1	2	1½
Encinal	1	2	1½

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Wednesday's result  
Richmond 15-9, 15-11, 8-



# Arts

## No place like 'Homebody' at Berkeley Rep



BILL MANN  
Multimedia Notes

### Decreasing numbers mean shallow content

TELEVISION AND print do different things well — and not so well — and recent world events underline this. One thing in common, though: They're both doing it with fewer people. Don't even ask about radio, which is not just slashing staffs, but for the past 10 years (with only a few exceptions) has all but dropped news to play more music.

Few people in the media — any part of the media — I know enjoy their jobs any more. That's why it was sad but hardly surprising that newspaper trade journal Editor and Publisher reported this week that newspapers saw their greatest drain in journalists in 25 years last year — some 2,000 newspeople left the cost-cutting newspaper industry, says an American Association of Newspaper Editors study just released.

Given recent world events, it's the worst possible time for this to happen, and this brings us back to coverage. A siege of a building, embassy, or city? For this kind of breaking news, TV wins hands down. The reason for that siege? Usually, print wins out.

Print, even with its recent dismaying trend of celebrity-mongering, can still go well beyond the superficial, beyond the pictures that TV requires and does best.

Recent events in New York and the Middle East are the reason I'm concerned about the cutbacks in print, and not just because I've grown up in the business (both my father and father-in-law were newspapermen). It's because what's going on in the world today begs for thought and careful analysis — not the "heightened emotions" that TV wants and its pictures produce.

This week's competing demonstrations over U.S. Midwest policy at UC Berkeley provide a good example. For several days, local TV stations had been hyping these — irresponsibly, I would posit — like they were the Frazier-Alf fight. TV loves conflict; that's why Jerry Springer's been around 15 years. Any TV reporter who'd asked Berkeley demonstrators what they thought Colin Powell's chances for success in reaching a peaceful settlement were might have been reassigned. Instead, TV reporters and their bosses opted to let demonstrators vent.

Another good example of how TV plays to emotions: Racism is an important issue, but one that we've seen repeatedly trivialized by TV. How many times lately have we seen an incident in which some teen-age numskull paints a swastika or a racial epithet on a building or a locker, and it becomes the lead story on that evening's TV news? (Especially on weekends and other slow local news days). This gives these idiots exactly what they want — attention and a phony sense of importance — and does nothing to address the underlying causes of bigotry. And, sorry, this kind of coverage does not "increase awareness" of bigotry. It glorifies it and magnifies it. And it gives TV newscasts unsettling pictures — after all, swastikas do "heighten the emotions" and "involve" viewers.

TV rarely does thoughtful commentary these days. Commentators and editorials used to be common on local TV stations. Not any more.

On the plus side, we predicted recently here that New York Times diplomatic columnist Thomas Friedman would win a Pulitzer for his coverage of post-9/11 events, and indeed — and fortunately — he did.

Most Americans know ludicrously little about the rest of the world. Canada is our next-door neighbor and shares a common language and culture, yet the CBC recently reported that 92 percent of Americans don't know who Canada's prime minister is, and only 10 percent can even name its capi-

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**"HOMEBOODY/KABUL,"** Tony Kushner's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, begins previews of its West Coast premiere at 8 p.m. April 19 on Berkeley Rep's Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. It opens April 24. Originally scheduled to close June 9, the production, under the direction of Tony Taccone, the Rep's artistic director, has already been extended through June 23.

Written and selected to be a part of the Rep's 2001-02 season long before the events of Sept. 11, "Homebody/Kabul" has become one of the most talked about plays in recent years.

Set in August 1998, when Afghanistan was the epitome of a vaguely imagined moonscape on the opposite side of the globe to most Americans, this is a mystery play of sorts.

The Homebody, played by Michelle Morain, is a bored, intellectual British woman who tells of her fascination with Afghanistan in an opening monologue. She had learned about the place through an encounter with an Afghan refugee shopkeeper and an outdated travel book. Later, we learn that she has disappeared in Afghanistan. The play follows her husband and daughter's attempts to find her.

Is she dead? Has she married an Afghan man and chosen to live the sequestered life of a Muslim woman. Conflicting stories tell of both. Trying to unravel the mystery, the daughter Priscilla (Heidi Dippold, making her Rep debut) ventures into the Taliban-controlled streets of Kabul in search of a mysterious Afghan woman who is the first wife of the Homebody's alleged new husband.

Single tickets range from \$38 to \$54, depending on the day of the week. Group discounts are also available, as well as senior and student half-price "rush" tickets, if any, available 30 minutes before curtain time at the door. Twenty half-price "HotTix" go on sale at noon at the box office, cash only, Tuesdays through Fridays for that evening's performance. Berkeley Rep also offers \$16 tickets for anybody under age 30 with valid ID, subject to availability and not good on Saturday nights. Call 510-647-2949 or toll-free at 888-4BRTix. Additional information and on-line ticketing is available at [www.berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org).

**'LINE' UP IN ALAMEDA:**



MICHELLE MORAIN (left) and Heidi Dippold in the West Coast premiere of Tony Kushner's "Homebody/Kabul" opening April 24 at the Berkeley Rep Theatre.



JACK TUCKER  
Community Theater

Alameda is jumping with big-time musical auditions next week. In addition to Altarena's casting of "Carnival" on Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m., mentioned here last week, Alameda Civic Light Opera starts casting "A Chorus Line"

at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hopefuls for "Carnival" will be strutting their stuff at the arena playhouse, 1409 High Street. Those aiming for "A Chorus Line" — and there's no reason actors can't show up for both — will be auditioned at the Kofman Auditorium, 2200 Central Ave. in downtown Alameda between Oak and Walnut streets. Callbacks for "Line" will follow on April 20 at 10 a.m.

Of course, those lucky — and talented — enough to be cast in BOTH shows will have

to make a choice, unless they are exceedingly swift on their feet. The two runs don't overlap. "Carnival" ends on June 30. "A Chorus Line" opens July 12 and runs weekends through July 28. But juggling two rehearsal schedules would be a bear, big-time.

Is there a gentler way of conveying the traditional theatrical best wishes to the whole gang en masse without saying — Ugh! — break all of your legs? Sounds awful, literally and figuratively. Help!

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## 'Lanes' merges issues of race, class effectively

By Mary F. Pols  
STAFF WRITER

From its ad campaign, "Changing Lanes" looks like a conventional bore; Samuel L. Jackson and Ben Affleck going mano a mano in the streets of New York. Car crashes. Men who can be paid to "fix" things. A race against time.

Yet it's one of the least conventional big Hollywood movies to come along this year, a film that dares to probe, intelligently, into some of those most essential, difficult American issues: race and class. It's also dark — so dark that even Ben Affleck's omnipresent grin has been chased away.

Because of the way it deals with escalating rage, "Changing Lanes" is likely to be compared to Michael Douglas' ugly 1993 movie "Falling Down," but thankfully, it's far more complex, simultaneously laying bare the moral lapses of the privileged and the disgruntled. It's also blissfully devoid of SWAT teams. "Changing Lanes" is imperfect, but ignore those overwrought ads and give it a chance.

Vapid, smug corporate lawyer Gavin Banek (Affleck) gets into a fender-bender with struggling insurance salesman Doyle Gipson (Jackson) on New York's busy FDR Drive during morning rush hour. It's Good Friday and both men are due in court. Gavin is supposed to be presenting irreplaceable papers proving his law firm didn't trick a client out of his money. Doyle, a recovering alcoholic, has one last chance to persuade a judge he's worthy of sharing custody of his two young sons with his angry ex-wife (Kim Staunton). He's armed with good news; he's just been



**COLLISION COURSE:** Ben Affleck and Samuel L. Jackson begin feuding after an automobile accident in "Changing Lanes."

### REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Changing Lanes"

■ **STARRING:** Ben Affleck, Samuel L. Jackson, Toni Collette, Sydney Pollack, William Hurt, Amanda Peet

■ **RATING:** R (language)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 35 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** B+

approved for a house loan and can at least offer his sons a decent place to live.

Life being what it is, Gavin's

Mercedes is still driveable, while Doyle's sad little sedan isn't going anywhere. Gavin cavalierly tosses a blank check at Doyle and then ditches him by the side of the road with a breezy "better luck next time," not realizing until he's in court that he's left a crucial file with Doyle at the accident scene.

He's given the rest of the day to retrieve it, but Doyle is far too angry to just hand it over. Because of Gavin, he's late to family court — portrayed as just the grim, wretchedly busy place it is in real life — arriving just as the judge is telling his ex-wife that yes, she's free to take the kids and move to Oregon.

What follows is a mad game of tit for tat, one in which both men continue to defy our expectations. We're ready to pick a good guy and settle down on a side to watch the fight, because that's the way American movies typically work. Instead, our sympathies run back and forth. Sure, the yuppie is a self-centered twit, but what about Doyle's dangerous temper?

This is the first part Jackson has had in a while that pushes him, requiring him to do more than preen or imitate his own "Pulp Fiction" performance, and he lives up to it. Doyle is an an-

### EVENTS

#### Museums

**AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY —**

"Tengo Casi 500 Anos: Beyond the Middle Passage, Africa's Legacy in the Americas," through May 4. A photographic exhibition representing the 10-year odyssey of photographer Anthony Gleaton to research and document the descendants of Africans who were brought to Mexico, Central and South America during the height of colonial Spain's involvement in the slave trade.

"Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California.

"The West Oakland Senior Citizen Oral History Project," ongoing. A visual and oral exhibit capturing the history of some of West Oakland's senior treasures in 51 black and white photographs and recorded conversations. Featuring Dr. Marcella Ford, Ruth Beckford, Anthony Martinez, Alonzo Fields and more.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. (510) 637-0200 or [www.oaklandlibrary.org](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org)

#### EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS

— A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum.

Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. (510) 763-0141.

#### GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM —

through December. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight and passenger trains operate in O, HO and N scales on separate layouts, as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N scale layout, showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakersfield. In addition the layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass, and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains. The displays are built and operated by the 68-year-old East Bay Model Engineers Society.

\$3 general; \$2 seniors and children under age 12; \$7 family maximum. Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 900-A Dornan Drive, Point Richmond. (510) 234-4884 or [www.gsmrm.org](http://www.gsmrm.org)

**JUDAH L. MAGNES MUSEUM —** "Telling Time: To Everything There Is A Season," through May. An exhibit structured around the seasons of the year and the seasons of life with objects ranging from the sacred and the secular, to the provocative and the whimsical. Highlights from Jewish and other cultures such as Tibetan and Mexican-American include treasures from ceremonial and folk art, rare books and manuscripts, contemporary and traditional fine art, video, photography and cultural kitsch.

Free. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. (510) 549-6950 or [www.magnesmuseum.org](http://www.magnesmuseum.org)

**MUSEE DES HOMMAGES —** "Masterworks Copies by Guy Colwell," ongoing. A new museum of masterwork recreations of famous European paintings handpainted by master California artist Colwell. The paintings, which cover a wide spectrum of European paintings from Van Eyck in the 15th century to Picasso in the 20th century, are full-scale, faithful copies of works by famous artists of the past, created in an attempt to understand the secrets of these great

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## NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Vera H. Chan and Mary F. Pols. Times: Robert V. Butler, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Anthony Breznican, David Germain, Christy Lemire, Tim Molloy, Sheila Norman-Culp and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Valerie Kulkens, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kevin Thomas, Los Angeles Times; Gary Dowell, Tom Mastrand, Chris Vogner and Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel.

**"ALL ABOUT THE BENJAMINS":** Miami Cube plays Bucum Jackson, a local bounty hunter in pursuit of Reggie Writ (Mike Epps), a serial bank jumper. When Reggie takes a wrong turn into a storage complex where a bloody jewel heist has just gone down, the crooks shoot their way past Bucum, unaware that Reggie is hiding in their getaway van. Reggie and Bucum both escape, but the bad guys now have Reggie's wallet along with his \$60 million lottery ticket. When Bucum finally tracks Reggie down, the antagonists join forces to get the ticket back. — B. Strauss. (R: violence, sex, language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C+

**"AMADEUS: THE DIRECTOR'S CUT":** Milos Forman's 1984 Academy Award-winning period piece is back in theaters with an additional 20 minutes of film

footage. F. Murray Abraham, who took home the best actor Oscar, remains the quintessential "soul in pain" whose jealousy translates into a monstrously ingenious plot to discredit the playboy-prodigy Mozart (Tom Hulce). — G. Lovell. (R: brief nudity.) 2 hour, 58 minutes. A

**"AMELIE":** A feel-good movie in the best possible sense, a comic fable from French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet that vibrates with joy and fast-paced wit. Amelie (Audrey Tautou) is a lonely young lady who keeps a watchful eye on the rest of the world. One day she sets out to reunite a child's treasure with its long-gone owner and discovers she likes playing emotional Robin Hood. Setting out on a path to help her neighbors and the denizens of the cafe where she works, she inadvertently tumbles into a love affair with a guy (Mathieu Kassovitz) who might be as sweetly eccentric as she is. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content.) 2 hours. A

**"A BEAUTIFUL MIND":** The film spans 47 years in the life of John Forbes Nash Jr. (Russell Crowe), a mathematical genius who won the Nobel Prize for economics in 1994. Doubtless the element that made Crowe want to play Nash (brilliantly, as usual) is that Nash also suffers from schizophrenia, and has for decades. Daring only in its subject matter — math and mental illness — the movie follows the careful trajectory of a classic inspirational story, occasionally

veering into the medicinal, but still undeniably moving and effective. Jennifer Connelly is excellent as Nash's wife. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense thematic material, sexual content and a scene of violence.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. B+

**"BIG TROUBLE":** Former Pulitzer-Prize-winning columnist and divorcee Elliot Arnold (Tim Allen) is scraping the bottom in his Miami life when he's unwittingly pulled into lunacy involving a suitcase bomb, hired assassins, an unhappy housewife (Rene Russo) and a giant toad. Welcome to a comic universe where the Bible is Martha Stewart Living, and characters spout the wisdom of the Discovery Channel. Directed by Barry Sonnenfeld ("Get Shorty"), "Men in Black" and based on the book by Miami Herald columnist Dave Barry, it recalls the ensemble comedies of the '70, which in turn harked back to the screwball comedies of the '30s and '40s. Allen is the weak link in an otherwise very funny cast, especially Stanley Tucci as a wealthy sleaze and, understandably, target of assassins. Don't miss his toe-sucking scene. — V. Chan. (PG-13) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B+

**"BLADE II":** Wesley Snipes returns as a half-man/half-vampire hero waging a blood feud against a race of full-blooded vampires in this sequel based on the Marvel comic book character. The film opens with Blade rampaging through legions of bloodsuckers in a

mission to rescue his mentor, Whistler (Kris Kristofferson), who seemingly died in the first movie. Reunited, Blade and Whistler are reluctantly drawn into an alliance with the vampire overlord and his daughter to fight a new breed of super-vampires that threatens humans and regular bloodsuckers. As with the first film, the only way to get through "Blade II" is if there's a complete disconnection of that part of the brain that determines when something is really, really silly. — D. Germain. (R: strong pervasive violence, language, some drug use and sexual content.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. C

**"CLOCKSTOPPERS":** Jesse Bradford stars as Zak, who is smitten by the new exchange student Francesca (Paula Garcés) and is pals with Meeker (Garikai Mutambirwa). Zak's chances with the babe and his friend's chances at the big DJ competition improve when a hyper-time wrist device falls into the hands of his blind scientist-dad and then into Zak's. It speeds up molecules so that its wearer and the wearer's friends (how convenient) are moving too fast for the rest of the world to see. The novel special effects are wasted on this comic thriller with few laughs and fewer thrills. — R. Moore. (PG: action, violence and mild language.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. D+

**"DEATH TO SMOOCHY":** The plot's satirical arena is the wicked world of kid-show networks, which, according to the screenplay, is an evil playground of payola to underworld connections. But the only real sin is getting caught, which is exactly what happens to egomaniacal show host Rainbow Randolph (Robin Williams). He's busted for accepting a suitcase of big bucks from feds posing as parents who want their son to receive star treatment. The washed-up Rainbow watches in horror as Sheldon Mopes (Edward Norton) takes his place. Sheldon, with his creation Smoochy, a huggable rhino who promotes good health and feel-good ditties, soon becomes a media superstar. This film has the makings of a sharp, stinging satire, but the finished product trades wicked wit for abrasiveness. — P. Wuntch. (R: language, violence, sex, drugs.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. C

**"E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL":** The 20th anniversary re-release underscores less what prompted director Steven Spielberg's later legacy than what has gone missing: a patient, sweet devotion to storytelling. The film's tender intelligence and sweet humor remind us how much cinematic shorthand has truncated emotion in the mad rush toward special effects. A stranded alien ends up in the home of Elliott (Henry Thomas), whose parents have recently separated. E.T. becomes not a paternal figure or substitute son, but a friend who introduces the possibility of hope. Some scenes have been restored, and the most notable change is that guns have been replaced by walkie-talkies, but the image of the government as an invasive dark undercurrent remains. — V. Chan. (PG: language, mild thematic elements.) 2 hours. A

**"THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING":** A soulful, passionate giant of a movie, one that will live long past New

## OPENING TODAY

**"BORSTAL BOY" (NR)**  
Shawn Hatosy stars as a young Brendan Behan, the Irish playwright, who was jailed in England for trying to smuggle explosives.

**"CHANGING LANES" (R)**  
Ben Affleck plays an ambitious young lawyer who cuts off Samuel L. Jackson in busy New York traffic, igniting a war between the two men.

**"FRAILTY" (R)**  
A man (Matthew McConaughey) approaches the FBI claiming to know the identity of a serial killer. Directed by Bill Paxton.

**"HUMAN NATURE" (R)**  
The latest from Charlie Kaufman ("Being John Malkovich"), with Tim Robbins as a pompous scientist and Patricia Arquette as an unnaturally hairy woman.

**"LOLA" (NR)**  
A re-release of the classic 1961 film,

starring Anouk Aimée as a cabaret dancer awaiting the return of her lover, a sailor who ran off to America seven years earlier.

**"NEW BEST FRIEND" (R)**  
Three privileged college couples, including Dominique Swain, befriended a girl from the wrong side of the tracks with dangerous results. Co-starring Mia Kirshner and Oliver Hudson, Kate's bro.

**"SON OF THE BRIDE" (R)**  
One of this year's Academy Award nominees for best foreign film. In Buenos Aires, a married restaurateur tries to cope with his own health and relationship problems, while his mother deteriorates from Alzheimer's disease.

**"THE SWEETEST THING" (R)**  
Cameron Diaz stars in this raucous comedy about a party girl who meets and loses her dream man, then goes on a hunt for him with her best friend (Christina Applegate).

Zealand director Peter Jackson's ("Heavenly Creatures") adaptation of the first third of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic "Lord of the Rings" enraptures you with its dramatic storytelling and visuals and leaves you rejoicing that there are filmmakers out there who have the guts to make a movie destined for vast commercial success that is also intelligent and ferociously heartfelt. Terrifying when it should be, moving when it should be, this holds true to Tolkien's vision. One of the best movies of the year. — M. Pols. (PG-13: epic battle sequences and scary images.) 2 hours, 58 minutes. A

**"THE FLUFFER":** This movie begins as a light satire on the gay porn industry, but then develops parallel stories of thwarted love and emerges as a film of substance. The film's protagonist, Sean (Michael Cunio), is determined to break into the film industry. To pay the bills, he gets a job at a gay porn production company as a cameraman, but he is expected to do anything he's told to — including physically getting the company's megastar, Johnny Rebel (Scott Gurney), in the mood to perform for the camera. Johnny's popularity has peaked, and his relationship with an aspiring actress (Roxanne Day), who works at a strip club, is increasingly strained. Johnny is one of many porn stars who make gay pictures because they pay better than straight porn does. This fine example of modest-budget filmmaking boasts first-rate acting, writing and directing. — K. Thomas. (NR) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

**"GOSFORD PARK":** There are no tutus or lights in this comic murder mystery from director Robert Altman, but make no mistake, this is ballet on film. Every aspect, from its ultimate ensemble cast to the meticulous re-creation of the staid England of years gone by, could have

been treacherous, but instead it emerges triumphant, spinning together as elegantly as a stage full of dancers and the still respectful but increasingly resentful downstairs. He has been this good in a decade. — M. Pols. (R: some language and brief sex.) 2 hours, 17 minutes. A

**"HIGH CRIMES" (R)** By-the-books complete with that final twist that supposed to surprise us but doesn't since it has been telegraphed since the beginning. Ashley Judd plays usual feisty smartypants, a yuppie lawyer who rallies to the defense of her husband (Jim Caviezel), who he's put on trial in a military court a heinous war crime he allegedly committed in 1988. Judd's not putting herself as an actress, but she's got some fun moments, and the movie's mediocrity is elevated by the presence of Morgan Freeman, playing a recovering alcoholic attorney with a sense of humor. Amanda Peet, a gum snapping supporting role, is Judd's loose younger sister. M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, sexual content, some language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. C+

**"I AM SAM":** All movies are manipulative on some level, but this one, of the cloth of movies of the week, ruthlessly intent on reducing its audience to snuffing marionettes. Sean Penn is very good as a mentally challenged man trying to hold onto his young daughter (Dakota Fanning), though the courts say she'd be better

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## FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change. Call theaters for information.

## ★Wheelchair Accessible

Showtimes for Friday April 12

**Act 1 and 2**  
2139 Center Street, Berkeley 510-843-3456  
★Amadeus: Director's Cut (R) 12:15, 4:30, 8:15  
★Y tu mamá también (Not Rated) 11:30, 2, 5, 7-10, 10

**Albany Twin**  
1115 Soano Ave., Albany 510-843-3456  
★Amelie (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30  
★Monsoon Wedding (R) 1, 4, 7, 10

**California Theatre**  
2113 Kittredge St., Berkeley 510-843-3456  
Theater temporarily closed

**Century 16 Bayfair Mall** ★  
350 Bayfair Mall, San Leandro 510-276-5694  
★All About the Benjamins (R) 12:55, 3:15, 5:25, 7:40, 9:15  
★Blade II (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:05, 10:35  
★Changing Lanes (R) 12:1, 2:20, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 7:10, 9:20, 10:30  
★Clockstoppers 12:15, 2:35, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35  
★E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) 1:50, 2:25, 5  
★Frailty (R) 12:05, 2:30, 4:50, 7:05, 9:40  
★High Crimes (PG-13) 11:40, 12:50, 2:15, 3:40, 4:55, 6:15, 7:30, 8:50, 10, 10:20  
★Ice Age 11:35, 1:30, 3:25, 5:20, 7:20, 9:25  
★National Lampoon's Van Wilder (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 9:50  
★Panic Room (R) 11:55, 2:40, 5:15, 7:05, 10:25  
★The Rookie (R) 11:10, 4, 7:10, 10  
★The Sweetest Thing (R) 11:30, 1:40, 3:45, 5:50, 7:55, 9:55  
★Y tu mamá también (Not Rated) 11:45, 12:40, 2:30, 4:25, 5:35, 6:55, 8:30, 10:20

**Century 25 Union City** ★  
32100 Alvarado Blvd., Union City 510-487-5693  
★Big Trouble (PG-13) 11:15, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 7:55, 10, 10:45, 12:15  
★Blade II (R) 11:55, 2:45, 5:25, 8, 10:30  
★Changing Lanes (R) 11:30, 12:40, 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:40, 7:10, 9:30, 10:35, 11:50  
★Clockstoppers (PG) 12:05, 1:10, 2:25, 3:30, 4:45, 5:50, 7:10, 9:25, 11:40  
★E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (PG) 11:20, 2, 4:40  
★Frailty (R) 11:50, 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 8:10, 9:35, 10:40, 11:55  
★High Crimes (PG-13) 12:1, 1:15, 2:40, 4, 5:15, 6:55, 7:55, 9:35, 10:35, 12:15  
★Human Nature (R) 12:25, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, 12, 10  
★Ice Age (PG) 11:35, 12:45, 1:40, 3, 3:55, 6:15, 8:15, 10:20, 12:15  
★National Lampoon's Van Wilder (R) 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:40, 8:25, 9:55, 12:10  
★New Best Friend (R) 11:40, 1:55, 4:10, 7:20, 9:45, 11:55  
★Panic Room 11:30, 12:25, 1:25, 2:15, 3:05, 4:05, 5, 6:55, 7:45, 8:45, 9:40, 10:30, 11:20, 12:10  
★Resident Evil (R) 12:10, 2:30, 4:55, 7:30, 9:50, 12, 10  
★Showtime (PG-13) 1:50, 7:25, 10, 12:15  
★The Rookie (R) 12:50, 1:55, 3:50, 5, 7, 7:50, 10, 12:15  
★The Sweetest Thing (R) 11:15, 12:20, 1:30, 2:35, 3:45, 4:50, 6, 7:10, 8:15, 9:20, 10:25, 11:25  
★The Time Machine 11:25, 1:50, 4:15, 7:05, 9:25  
★Y tu mamá también (Not Rated) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40, 10:40, 12:05

**Chabot Cinema**  
2653 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-582-2555  
★Ice Age (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15

**Chabot Space & Science Center** ★  
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300  
★Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) 1  
★The Abyss: Director's Cut (PG-13) 7:30  
★The Living Sea (Not Rated) 11:30, 2  
★To Be an Astronaut (Not Rated) 10:30

**Elmwood 3**  
2866 College Ave., Berkeley 510-849-0530  
★Festival in Cannes (PG-13) 5, 7:10, 9:15  
★In the Bedroom (R) 4:15, 9:05  
★Lantana (R) 6:50  
★Mulholland Drive (R) 9  
★The Man Who Wasn't There (R) 4:15, 6:40

**Fine Arts Cinema** ★  
2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1143  
★Citizen Kane (Not Rated) 9:20  
★Too Hot to Handle (Not Rated) 7:15

**Renaissance Grand Lake**  
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-458-3556  
★Amadeus: Director's Cut (R) 12, 3:45, 7:30  
★Big Trouble (PG-13) 12:15, 6  
★Death to Smoochy 11:45, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:30  
★Ice Age (PG) 11:45, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:15, 9  
★The Lord of the Rings (PG-13) 2, 7:45

**Jack London Cinema** ★  
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320  
★Blade II (R) 11:30, 2:10, 4:55, 7:45, 10:25  
★Changing Lanes (R) 11:20, 1:50, 4:15, 7, 9:35  
★Clockstoppers 11:50, 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50  
★Frailty (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30  
★High Crimes (PG-13) 11:40, 12:40, 2:10, 3:40, 4:55, 6:15, 7:30, 8:50, 9:45  
★Ice Age (PG) 11:40, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:15, 9  
★The Lord of the Rings (PG-13) 2, 7:45

**Hayward 9** ★  
19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 510-785-0000  
★A Beautiful Mind 11:15, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10  
★All About the Benjamins (R) 2:30, 4:45, 7  
★Big Trouble (PG-13) 11:30, 9:40  
★Blade II 11:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40, 10:20  
★Frailty (R) 11:10, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10  
★Ice Age 11:20, 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40, 11:30  
★New Best Friend (R) 11:30, 2, 4:15, 7:40, 9:50  
★The Lord of the Rings (PG-13) 12, 4:20, 8  
★The Sweetest Thing (R) 11:15, 1:30, 4, 7:15, 9:30

**Naz 8 Cinemas** ★  
39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 510-797-2000  
Call theater for movies and times

**Renaissance Oaks Theatre** ★  
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1835  
★Big Trouble (PG-13) 8  
★Death to Smoochy 7:40, 9:40  
★E.T. & Misses 25th Anniversary Fest. of Animation (Not Rated) 7, 9:15

**Parkway Theatre**  
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400  
★Gosford Park (R) 6:30, 9:15  
★Monster's Ball (R) 7, 9:45

**Piedmont Theatre**  
4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-843-3456  
★Amelie (R) 1:30, 4, 6:30, 9  
★Kissing Jessica Stein (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15  
★Y tu mamá también (NR) 2:40, 7:15, 9:45

**Shattuck Cinemas** ★  
2220 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-3456  
★A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) 1:15, 4, 4:45, 9:30  
★Changing Lanes (R) 1:15, 3:30, 7:45, 10  
★Human Nature (R) 2:05, 4:25, 7:25, 9:35  
★Iris (R) 1:20, 3:45, 6:15, 8:25  
★Kissing Jessica Stein (R) 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:20  
★Kissing Jessica Stein (R) 2:40, 7:10, 9:45  
★Monster's Ball (R) 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10  
★National Lampoon's Van Wilder (R) 11:45, 12:40, 2:20, 7:20, 9:40  
★Panic Room (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50  
★The Rookie (R) 1:05, 3:55, 7, 9:55

**United Artists Berkeley**  
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1487  
★Blade II (R) 11:30, 2:15, 5, 7:40, 10:25  
★Frailty (R) 11:55, 2:30, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10  
★High Crimes (PG-13) 11:20, 2:20, 5:10, 8, 10:50  
★Ice Age (PG) 11:15, 2, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45  
★The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) 11, 2:45, 7, 10:30  
★The Sweetest Thing (R) 11:45, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10

**United Artists Emery Bay 10** ★  
6330 Christie Emeryville 510-426-0107  
★Big Trouble (PG-13) 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 5:55, 8:15, 10:30  
★Blade II (R) 10:50, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45, 12:30  
★Changing Lanes (R) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10, 12:30  
★Clockstoppers (PG) 12, 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40  
★Frailty (R) 11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50, 12:30  
★High Crimes (PG-13) 11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15, 12:30  
★Ice Age (PG) 11:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:15  
★National Lampoon's Van Wilder (R) 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30  
★Panic Room (R) 11, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10, 12:30  
★The Sweetest Thing (R) 10:50, 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10, 12:15

**United Artists Hayward 6** ★  
24800 Hesperian, Hayward 510-786-3000  
★Changing Lanes (R) 12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 8, 10:20  
★Clockstoppers (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30  
★High Crimes (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 10  
★Panic Room (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10  
★The Other Side of Heaven (PG) 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15  
★The Rookie (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

**Central Contra Costa**

**Renaissance Orinda Theatre** ★  
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-6660  
★Amadeus: Director's Cut (R) 7:30  
★Panic Room (R) 7:15, 9:45  
★The Sweetest Thing (R) 7, 9

**Renaissance Park Theatre**  
3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 925-283-7997  
★Monsoon Wedding (R) 7, 9:30

**Rheem Theatre** ★  
350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411  
★Changing Lanes (R) 5, 7:30, 9:45  
★High Crimes (PG-13) 4:40, 7:15, 9:40  
★Ice Age (PG) 5:15, 7:40, 9:25  
★The Rookie (R) 4:20, 7, 9:30

**West Contra Costa**

**Century 16 Hilltop**  
3200 Kline Way, Richmond 510-758-2345  
★A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) 11:40, 7:25  
★Big Trouble (PG-13) 3:50, 5:55, 8:05, 10:15  
★Blade II (R) 11:55, 2:30, 4:55, 7:45, 10:15  
★Changing Lanes (R) 11:30, 12:45, 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:45, 7:10, 8:05, 9:50, 10:30  
★Clockstoppers (PG) 11:40, 12:50, 1:55, 3:15, 4:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:25  
★E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial: The 20th Anniversary (PG) 11:45, 2:25, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30  
★Frailty (R) 11:50, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40  
★High Crimes (PG-13) 11:35, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35  
★Ice Age 11:25, 12:40, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:35, 9:55

★Monster's Ball (R) 2:45, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25  
★National Lampoon's Van Wilder (R) 2:40, 5, 10:20  
★Panic Room (R) 11:30, 2:15, 4:50, 7, 7:50, 9:45, 10:35  
★Resident Evil (R) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05  
★The Lord of the Rings (PG-13) 12  
★The Rookie (R) 12:45, 4:15, 7:05, 10:10  
★The Sweetest Thing (R) 11:25, 1:30, 3:35, 5:50, 8, 10:05

**San Francisco**

**AMC Van Ness 14** ★  
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262  
★A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) 9:50  
★Big Trouble (PG-13) 1:35, 3:40, 5:50, 8:05  
★Blade II (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:35, 10:20  
★Changing Lanes (R) 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, 12:10  
★E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial: The 20th Anniversary (PG) 12, 4:20, 7:10  
★Frailty (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:30, 11:50  
★Gosford Park (R) 1:05, 4, 7:05, 10:05  
★Human Nature (R) 1:15, 3:35, 5:50, 8:15, 10:45  
★Ice Age (PG) 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:40, 9:40  
★National Lampoon's Van Wilder (R) 12:50, 3:20, 5:40, 7:55, 10:15, 12:25  
★Panic Room (R) 1:30, 2:40, 5:05, 6:45, 7:45, 9:25, 10:25, 12  
★Scorcity Boys (R) 10:15  
★The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) 1, 4:50, 8:35  
★The Rookie (R) 1:25, 4:15, 7:30, 10:35  
★The Sweetest Thing (R) 12:45, 2:55, 5:35, 8, 10, 12:15

**AMC Kabuki 8** ★  
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-901-8800  
★A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) 12:01, 9:10  
★Big Trouble (PG-13) 4:45, 10:10  
★Blade II (R) 1:50, 5:05, 8:10, 10:45  
★Clockstoppers (PG) 1, 4:25, 7, 9:30  
★High Crimes (PG-13) 1:30, 4:35, 7:40, 10:35  
★Ice Age (PG) 12:50, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45  
★National Lampoon's Van Wilder (R) 2, 5:25, 8, 10:30  
★New Best Friend (R) 1:40, 4:55, 7:50, 10:10  
★Panic Room (R) 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:20

**Bridge Theatre** ★  
3010 Divisadero St., San Francisco 415-352-0818  
★Amadeus: Director's Cut (R) 12:15, 4, 8

**Castro Theatre** ★  
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120  
★Chelsea Girls (1966) (Not Rated) 8

**Clay Theatre**  
2281 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-352-0810  
★Amelie (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7, 9:50

**Embarcadero Center Cinema** ★  
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0810  
★Kissing Jessica Stein (R) 12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:30  
★Monsoon Wedding (R) 12, 12:30, 2:30, 3:20, 5, 6:30, 7:30, 9:10, 10  
★Y tu mamá también (Not Rated) 12:20, 1:10, 2:40, 3:30, 5:10



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If you need more information about the opera company or how to get to the audition, there's information and a map on the Alameda Civic Light Opera website at [www.aclw.com](http://www.aclw.com).

Auditions should prepare a Broadway-style song of not more than 16 bars, and bring sheet music in their key. An accompanist will be provided. No pre-recorded music allowed. Wear dance clothing and be prepared for a vigorous dance audition.

Audition appointments can be made by calling 510-864-2256. Time slots are every five minutes. Drop-ins will be seen at time permits.

Runny thing about "A Chorus Line" most of you probably know but maybe not the newcomers. You can use it in your next musical theatre trivia game. Despite the title, there is no chorus in the show.

The original was first mounted in April 1975 at Joseph Papp's New York

Shakespeare Festival. The work — performed without intermission, without any real scenery except a mirrored rear wall, and with the entire cast in work clothes — described how a choreographer chose his chorus-to-be from applicants, not merely on how they danced, but on their life histories as they related them. So in the show they are still auditioners, not a chorus. Picky, perhaps, but sort of a title oddity.

It went on to open the following July at New York's Shubert Theatre. It grabbed almost every major award within reach.

The Alameda Civic Light Opera production opens the company's sixth summer season. It is a revival of one of the most popular shows of ACLO's first season.

The show will use approximately 30 dancers/actors, 17 of whom will play major roles.

**2 OPENING TONIGHT:** Major mid-season offerings open tonight at two of the East Bay's most venerable venues:

"Long Day's Journey Into Night" begins a month-long weekend run at Live Oak The-

atre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through May 11, plus Thursday, May 9. Tickets are \$10, with discounts for groups of 15 or more. Jean-Marie Apostolides, professor of drama at Stanford University, is staging the Eugene O'Neill classic for Actors Ensemble of Berkeley. Call 510-528-5620.

"Oliver!", the musical based on the Charles Dickens novel, "Oliver Twist," opens at Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, playing at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on four Sundays, through May 25. Tickets are \$17 general; \$8 for youths 16 and under. Michael Manley directs. Call 510-524-9132, or for group sales 510-524-6654.

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## Lanes

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erry man, and the movie is honest enough to acknowledge the responsibility he bears for that anger. Some of his problems are society's fault, but most of them are his and his alone.

Affleck is better than usual, and he works well opposite the two fine actresses playing the very interesting women in his life, Toni Collette ("The Sixth Sense," "Muriel's Wedding") and Amanda Peet. They've been cast against type, with Collette playing Gavin's colleague and former mistress, Michelle, and the luscious Peet, his ball and chain. But even here, there's some ambiguity. Michelle might represent Gavin's moral compass, but in a

sense, she's largely responsible for his predicament, because she's the one who sent him to the "Fixer" (Dylan Baker).

English director Roger Michell ("Notting Hill," "Persuasion") makes an assured American debut, building the tension between the two men with careful economy. In lesser hands, this could have turned into a mindless action movie, instead of a film peppered with insights about what makes us such an angry culture.

Michell and the script, written by Chap Taylor and Michael Tolkin ("The Player"), take a few missteps, though. Since the whole story takes place on Good Friday, we're looking at a theme of redemption, a do-unto-others tale, and there are several subtle, barely registered reminders of the picture's religious under-

tones: a rosary hanging from the rear-view mirror of a cab or a picture of Jesus hanging in the empty closet in the house Doyle is trying to buy.

But then he and the screenwriters bungle that subtlety by sending Gavin to church. Bruised and bloody, he ends up in a confession booth accidentally-on-purpose (forgive me, Father, for there was no place else to sit), resulting in an implausible scene with a priest. It feels like cheating in an intriguing film that has otherwise stayed away from the obvious.

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with a "normal" foster family. So is the brilliant Pfeffer, playing the brittle, selfish lawyer who learns a life lesson while trying to help him. But neither of them can overcome the doying, patronizing and endless story. The soundtrack, however, with covers of great Beatles songs done by today's gods and goddesses of music, is the best thing about this movie. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language) 2 hours, 12 minutes. C-

**AGE:** The plot for this animated film was back 20,000 years when all creatures were planning a southbound exodus from the big freeze. Solitude-crazed, lonely mammoth Manny and chatterbox Sid, a lazy sloth, have the makings of a historic odd couple, but they become messengers of action when they must return to their home in their tribe. Sabertoothed tiger Diego joins them, but with a agenda. The screenplay's clever use of pop-culture references and sophisticated exchanges that may sail over the heads of some audience members. Sid probably will lap up much of the fun. P. Wurtch. (PG: scenes of peril.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. B

**ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS:** Strangest of all purposes, the latest offering from Dogma 96, the Danish film movement, is known for being disturbing than for being cheeky, introduces the concept of sex and happiness to the movement. Six Danish people take Italian lessons one window at a time and begin, tentatively, to gravitate toward each other. Not a traditional chick flick, though; it's got its fair share of depressing elements, such as a divorce, a fatal alcohol syndrome and sexual dysfunction, buried within the fun of love and comedy. And it's incredibly a Dogma movie: murky and dark. But it still got the heart to warm us through the chill of winter. — M. Pols. (R: language and some sexuality.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. A-

**MISSING JESSICA STEIN:** Here's the latest news: This romantic comedy about a single woman who seeks each other after growing tired of dating men is engaging, warm and funny — often laugh-out-loud hilarious. Now for the bad part: It's providing such insight in such a surprising way, it's ending is just too pat. The scene. Jennifer Westfield and Heather Graham are charming actresses, although asking you to forget the stinky ending. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content and language) 1 hour, 36 minutes. C+

**ANTANNA:** The discovery of a corpse is the theme for this movie, though it is as much a police thriller as it is a psychological investigation into the lives and difficulties of marriage. The film centers on four couples, and with a cast headed by Anthony LaPaglia, Geoffrey Hughes and Barbara Hershey, it doesn't lack for the money and emotion to make its point convincing. All these people figure in how attached to that corpse. Although the film comes to us directly, rather, it leads us knowledge slowly and carefully. This remarkably thoughtful film makes it clear not only how hard it is to come by any emotional comfort in the world, more importantly why we are drawn to the struggle. — K. Turan. (R: language and sexuality.) 2 hours. A-

**THE MAN WHO WASN'T THERE:** The director Joel Coen's chilly black-and-white homage to film noir plays out like a thriller, the kind of experimentation that is rare in once the bills are paid.

But Coen's Thom is fascinating to watch

cool look and dry wit, this is distinctly Coen brothers fare, but if you compare it to their best work, it feels more like an itch the brothers needed to scratch than, say, a "Fargo." Of course, with them, even an itch is going to be entertaining. — M. Pols. (R: a scene of violence.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. B

**"MONSOON WEDDING":** An accomplished and entrancing blend of comedy and drama from director Mira Nair ("Mississippi Masala"). Over four days, a flustered Punjabi patriarch prepares for an arranged marriage between his only daughter and an engineer from Houston. Unfortunately the bride is still in love with her married lover, and her spinster cousin is about to drop a bombshell on the family. As thoroughly satisfying, subtle, steamy and balanced between serious and joyous as the best weddings actually are. — M. Pols. (R: language, including some sexual-related dialogue.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. A-

**"MONSTER'S BALL":** Loneliness hangs over the first half of director Marc Forster's movie like a sheet of rain: the loneliness of a single mother (Halle Berry), of a man going to the electric chair (Sean Combs) and a homeless racist who has just realized he has nothing to live for (Billy Bob Thornton). Berry and Thornton are both outstanding as a pair of unlikely lovers. A bleak and beautiful movie, and while the rain never stops, it does ease up, offering one of the most delicately redemptive stories we've seen since "Dead Man Walking." — M. Pols. (R: strong sexual content, language, violence.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. A

**"NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VAN WILDER":** Part of the vast nincompoop conspiracy in Hollywood is to remake "Animal House." Ryan Reynolds is a seventh-year veteran of Coolidge College. He's a beloved figure on campus, so much so that he never wants to graduate. But Dad, played by Tim Matheson, cuts off Van's tuition money. Van and his sidekick, Hutch (Teck Holmes), and new Indian assistant, Kai (Kal Penn), have to come up with the cash, by any means necessary. Topless tutoring, party-planning and other schemes ensue. — R. Moore. (R: strong sexual content, gross humor, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. D

**"PANIC ROOM":** Ignore the hype — and go see this thriller about a woman and her daughter trapped in their home with three male intruders. Star Jodie Foster is a surprising match for director David Fincher ("Seven," "Fight Club"), who excels in showing the physical expression of the psychological interior. Foster, as freshly divorced Meg Altman, and her smart, bitter daughter Sarah (an excellent performance by Kristen Stewart) move into a four-story brownstone with a "panic room" complete with impregnable steel walls, surveillance monitors and independent air, water and electrical supply. They must resort to that room the very first night after three men (Jared Leto, Forest Whitaker, Dwight Yoakum) break in, and the standoff begins, since what the intruders want lies within the panic room. — V. Chan. (R: violence, language.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. A

**"RESIDENT EVIL":** Sure, it's based on an enormously popular series of games. But haven't we had enough joyless joystick adaptations? The film is presented as a prequel to the games. When a virus is released, an underground research complex is sealed off, and a group of commandos is dispatched to find out what happened. Mila Jovovich plays an amnesiac who's had her memory drained. She has a decent action-hero presence that goes to waste in the movie's miasma of silly stunts, drag dialogue and obnoxious industrial music. — D. Germain. (R: strong sci-fi/horror, violence, language and brief sexuality/nudity.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. D+

**"THE ROOKIE":** Critics tend to complain a lot about the violence and stupidity that pervades American cinema,

so you might wonder whether we then feel obliged to praise a G-rated movie like this baseball movie simply because it's squeaky-clean. Not so. "The Rookie" is a good movie not because of what it leaves out, but because of what it leaves in. It's got a quiet, gentle grace, decency and dignity. Dennis Quaid plays Jim Morris, a real pitcher whose career was cut short as a young man because of a shoulder injury. Now he's teaching high school chemistry and coaching the local version of the Bad News Bears. When his team makes a bet with him, he unexpectedly finds himself with a fresh chance at the game he loves. The resolution of his relationship with his cold, unfeeling father (Brian Cox) is a bit pat, but this is a lovely family movie. Quaid gives a genuine, understated performance. Rachel Griffiths plays his wife; Angus T. Jones his beguiling son. — M. Pols. (G) 2 hours. B+

**"SHOWTIME":** William Shatner's bit part in this sendup of those mismatched buddy movies like "Lethal Weapon" is the best part of this rather anemic comedy. Eddie Murphy plays a vain cop who wants to be a movie star and Robert De Niro plays an old-school detective. They're thrown together as stars of a reality-based cop show. There's definite potential here, but it's squandered in middle-of-the-road material. The two stars are hardly at their best, either. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action violence, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. C-

**"SORORITY BOYS":** This lamebrained attempt to update "Animal House" stars Harold Williams, Barry Watson and Michael Rosenbaum as a trio of frat boys who get tossed out of their fraternity. Their scheme to get back in involves sneaking in to retrieve an incriminating video. To do that, they have to dress up like girls and join the sorority next door. And who wouldn't want to get back into their fraternity? Oh, the beer busts, the orgies, the sleazy legions of self-esteem-deprived babes. This film is an R-rated disgrace, but it will be a laugh riot to anyone who hasn't seen men in dresses before — 14-year-olds and their intellectual equivalents. — R. Moore. (R: crude sexual content, nudity, strong language and some drug use.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. F

**"THE TIME MACHINE":** This new adaptation of H.G. Wells' classic futuristic story is directed by Simon Wells, great-grandson of H.G. himself. Surely a direct descendant wouldn't soil the memory of either the book or George Pal's 1960 film, right? Well, yes and no. The story has been expanded to present a motivation for the Time Traveler's (Guy Pearce) journey, a romance that the elder Wells might have scoffed at, or at the very least been bored by. On the other hand, some cool elements have been added, including several clever bits of homage to Pal's film and special effects that reflect how far the technology has come since 1960. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense scenes of action violence.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. B-

**"Y TU MAMA TAMBIEN":** A captivatingly truthful Mexican film about two teenage boys and a sexy woman ten years their senior on a road trip from Mexico City to a beautiful beach that may exist only in the boys' imaginations. Flush from their recent sexual adventures with their teen girlfriends, the boys (Diego Luna and Gael Garcia Bernal) are cocky, audacious, sure they are ready for sex on the beach with a woman like Luisa (Maribel Verdu). Their real innocence is laid bare as the trip takes unexpected twists. The film manages to explore eroticism, class differences and the tumult of Mexico without a second of preachiness, and leaves us with the reminder that just because our eyes have been opened doesn't mean we won't slam them shut again. — M. Pols. (NR: explicit sexual scenes and very strong language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. A-

## Mann

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tal, Ottawa. There's now a recurring segment on one national Canadian program that, just like Jay Leno's depressing on-street interviews, shows how ignorant the average American is about our next-door neighbor.

And we know even less about the Middle East. But thanks to Friedman and a handful of other journalists, some Americans know a lot more than they did six months ago — even though we may not like what we're learning, things like the anti-American and anti-semitic poison that's been spread for years by the press and schools in the Islamic world. Friedman's thoughtful, balanced analyses have helped lift the veil, so to speak.

Television, like print, is slowly beginning to follow Friedman's lead and has finally begun to do more reporting from inside the Arab world. ABC's Barbara Walters, never one of my favorites (as long-time readers know) performed a public service two weeks back with her revealing and dismaying prime-time special, reporting from inside secretive Saudi Arabia. I shook my head in dismay throughout her show.

Friedman's insightful pieces are one of the few sources I can count on to make sense of the horrible events going on in the Middle East. And one recent column called "Suicidal Lies," included some of the most insightful writing yet by Friedman, who (unlike all but a handful of American reporters) has been covering and traveling in the Arab world for years. "Lies" also directly addressed some oft-reported nonsense

we've seen repeatedly on TV about the reasons for current bloodshed.

"The world must understand," Friedman wrote, "that Palestinians have not chosen suicide out of 'desperation' stemming from the Israeli occupation. That is a huge lie. Why? To begin with, a lot of other people in the world are desperate, yet they have not gone around strapping dynamite to themselves." Plus, he adds, Yasser Arafat walked away from Bill Clinton's peace plan, one "that would have ended their 'desperate' occupation."

Friedman added in that piece: "Let's be very clear. Palestinians have adopted suicide bombing as a strategic choice, not out of desperation." I am thankful someone finally had the courage and insight to write that.

As you know if you've read his pieces, Friedman, even though he's Jewish, is NOT pro-Israel. You don't win Pulitzers for commentary, as the Timesman did, by being partisan or one-sided. Television offers nothing comparable, not even PBS's first-rate but flawed "Newshour."

And yet, despite today's explosive world, cutbacks in the media continue apace, for bottom-line reasons. Whither wisdom? In these troubled times, we need more reporting and more foreign bureaus, not less.

**MULTIMEDIA NOTES:** A usually reliable Oakland reader insists he saw KGO-TV weekend anchor Carolyn Johnson (a Stanford grad) report, during a story on the Queen Mother's death, to her as "Queen Elizabeth I." Speaking of ABC-7, did anyone else notice that, for the first time in memory, "ABC World News Tonight" did not

even make a mention of the Pulitzer winners on Monday night's newscast?

**Out at KCBS Radio:** Veteran newsmen and overnight co-anchor Fred Wayne. Replacing him: The station's senior anchor, former part-timer (by his own choice) Steve Little. Little, who lives up in the hills near Healdsburg, now has an even more killer commute to the station's Battery Street studios than his overnight co-anchor, fellow Sonoma County resident Larry Chiaroni. Chiaroni lives way up in rural Occidental. These guys really should car-pool.

KBHK-TV and KPIX-TV finalize their corporate merger here on Monday, when Channel 44 staffers move into "Gray Rock" on Battery (where CBS MarketWatch.com and KCBS are also headquartered).

Among the many Channel 44 casualties — and quite a few from KPIX — are veteran engineers who have been at the stations 20 years or more. One prominent survivor: Capable KBHK exec Tom Spitz, who will program both TV stations. Thanks partly to Spitz, broadcast sales sources tell me, Channel 44 has been as profitable an operation as the bigger, CBS-affiliated Channel 5 in recent years. It's also good to see that one-time KGO-TV morning host Susan Sikora's lively local talk show on 44 has survived the merger.

Finally, NBC's Conan O'Brien: "The latest from Afghanistan is that the U.S. military is reporting that Osama bin Laden is hiding out in a remote, desolate region. In other words, he's hiding at Kmart."

(Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at [newsman@sonic.net](mailto:newsman@sonic.net))

## Events

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artists. The museum does not have regular hours so call ahead when planning a visit.

Free. 2028 9th St., Berkeley. (510) 841-4210 or [www.atelier9.com](http://www.atelier9.com).

**THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA —**

"Scene in Oakland, 1852-2002: Artworks Celebrating the City's 150th Anniversary," through Aug. 25. An exhibition of paintings, drawings, watercolors and photographs dating from 1852 to 2002 featuring views of Oakland by 48 California artists.

"Being There: 45 Oakland Artists," through May 12. An invitational exhibition featuring works in a variety of media, including painting, sculpture, photography and mixed media by contemporary artists who live and/or work in Oakland.

**CLOSING —** "California's Native Grandeur: Preserving Vanishing Landscapes," closing April 14. An exhibition of approximately 50 paintings that documents the visions of early West Coast landscape painters. Artists featured include William Wendt, Granville Redmond, Maynard Dixon, William Keith, Thomas Hill, Paul Grimm and Guy Rose. "The Rustler Ranch Mastodon Project," ongoing. Visitors are invited to watch staff members of the Natural Sciences Department prepare a nearly complete mastodon for exhibit. Monday

through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**OFF SITE EXHIBITS —** "Catherine Courtenaye Sampler," through May 8. Works by the artist. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In Latham Square Office Building, 1611 Telegraph Ave.

"Kinetic Sculpture by Kurt Wold," through April 27. At the OMCA Sculpture Court, City Center, 1111 Broadway. Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free.

**SPECIAL EVENTS —** "Visions 2002 — Art!" April 12 through April 14. A national show on Flower Arranging presented in collaboration with the Garden Club of America. Included will be a juried show of flower arrangements, horticulture and plant photography inspired by artworks on display in the special exhibition "Being There: 45 Oakland Artists." In addition there will be a series of talks by distinguished designers. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Free with museum admission.

April 12, 10:30 a.m.: "Fads and Fashions in Flower Arranging, April 12, 10:30 a.m. Floral historian Kate Millhiser discusses and demonstrates fads in flower arranging over time. \$15. April 12, 1:30 p.m. "New Techniques in Floral Design." Flower arranger Ron Morgan, author of the new book "Center of Attention," demonstrates the newest techniques in arrangements. \$15.

April 13, 10:30 a.m.: "Tension in Floral Design." Vancouver flo-

ral designer Hitomi Gilliam, AIFD, shares some of his tips on design. \$15.

April 13, 1:30 p.m.: "Terms of Beauty." A lecture by Jim Folsom, director of the Huntington Botanical Gardens. \$15.

"Geology of Gems and Ornamental Stones," April 18, 12:30 p.m. A lecture by Jean DeMouthe, senior collections manager for geology at the California Academy of Sciences. Free.

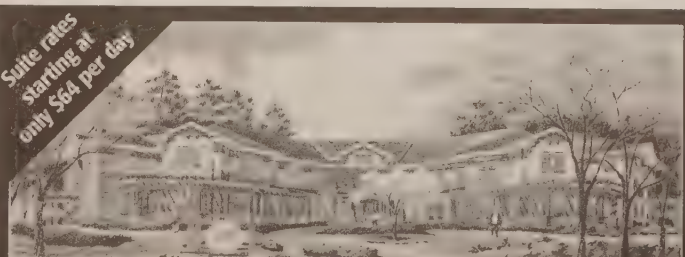
"Family Explorations! Bat Day," April 21, noon to 4 p.m. Explore the world of bats. View Robert Bloomberg's 3-D slide show. Meet live bats with "Bat Lady" Patricia Winters. Enter the Bat Cavern Classroom to learn about bat adaptations for flight and echolocation. Free with regular museum admission.

"Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Department Library.

**TOURS —** Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Art a la Carte, ongoing. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission.

\$6 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under; second Sundays are free to all. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000

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**THE PARDEE HOME MUSEUM** — The historic Pardee Mansion, a three-story Italianate villa built in 1868, was home to three generations of the Pardee family who were instrumental in the civic and cultural development of California and Oakland. The home includes the house, grounds, water tower and barn. Reservations recommended.

\$5 general; free children under age 12. House Tours: Friday and Saturday, noon. 672 11th St., Oakland. (510) 444-2187 or www.pardeehome.org

**RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY** — Permanent exhibits highlight Richmond's cultural, industrial and architectural legacy.

"Places of Faith and Worship," ongoing. An exhibit documenting the history of the many churches that reflect Richmond's diverse cultures and lifestyles.

Free. Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 Nevins Ave., Richmond. (510) 235-7387.

**UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM** — MATRIX 197: Sanford Biggers "Psychic Windows," through June 2. Mixing stereotypical references to African American culture, 1970s process art, race politics, Eastern religions, and hip hop, Biggers explores issues of transcendence, urban culture, technology and black history in his new sculptures for this, his first solo museum show. Included is a work that transforms a mandala into a three-dimensional space.

"Komar and Melamid's Asian Elephant Art and Conservation Project," through July 14. An extraordinary exhibition of paintings by elephants under the tutelage of Russian-born conceptual artists Vitaly Komar and Alex Melamid. An exhibition of 50 paintings by 16 accomplished Asian elephants, formerly employed in the Thai logging industry, who were taught to paint by Komar and Melamid when that industry closed down.

"Masterworks of Chinese Painting: In Pursuit of Mists and Clouds," through May 26. An exhibition of 75 distinguished Chinese paintings drawn from the Ching Yuan Chai (Cahill family) collections, considered one of the finest collections in the Western United States. The collections represent virtually every period

of Chinese paintings over the past 900 years. Included in the exhibit are major figure paintings and a selection of botanical and animal subjects. The strength of the collections, however, is in landscape paintings and many of these are on display.

"Marion Brenner: The Subtle Life of Plants and People," through May 26. This exhibition consists of 60 long exposure black-and-white photographs of plants and people by Brenner, a Berkeley photographer known for her exposure work.

"Near and Far," through July 14. An exhibition of 60 works, selected from the museum collection, which explore the panorama of 19th century views from all reaches of the globe. Works in the exhibit range from pioneering photographs of Yosemite Valley to provocative paintings and graphics made in Brittany by Paul Gauguin, as well as Hiroshige's scenes of travelers in the shadow of Mt. Fuji.

"The Subject is Art: 1400-1800," through November. The exhibition reveals the breadth of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and sculpture in the UC Berkeley Art Museum collections. Among the 50 works of art featured are European religious paintings and prints, portraiture from the 16th and 17th centuries, Indian miniatures, and late 18th century American portraits.

"Hans Hofmann: Real/Life," through May 26. This exhibition in the Museum's Hofmann Gallery explores the sources of Hofmann's understanding of "the real" in abstract painting through comparisons with works by other modern artists including Wassily Kandinsky, Robert Delaunay and Alexej von Jawlensky.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** — Gallery Talk with Matthew Jesse Jackson, April 14, 3 p.m. Jackson will focus his talk on Komar and Melamid's relationship to the late Soviet art and society and the artists' fascination with the role of the popular, collective and "avant-garde" in contemporary culture. In Gallery 3.

"Ganapati" and "Elephant Games," April 17, 7:30 p.m. A pair of videos that observe the relationship between man and elephant. Shown in conjunction with the exhibition of elephant paintings. At the Pacific Film Archive Theater. Theater admission prices apply.

"Sanford Biggers" Gallery Talk, April 18, 12:15 p.m. With Heidi Zuckerman Jacobson.

"Family Day: Art and Elephants," April 20, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The day includes creative art-making workshops for children and families, a 3 p.m. gallery talk by artist Vitaly and Alexander Melamid on their exhibition "Asian Elephant Art and Conservation Project" in Gallery 3, a family tour of "Masterworks of Chinese Painting" at noon in Gallery 6, a storytelling session with Muriel Johnson at 1 p.m. in Gallery A, music, and free and paid screenings in the museum theater and the Pacific Film Archive Theater.

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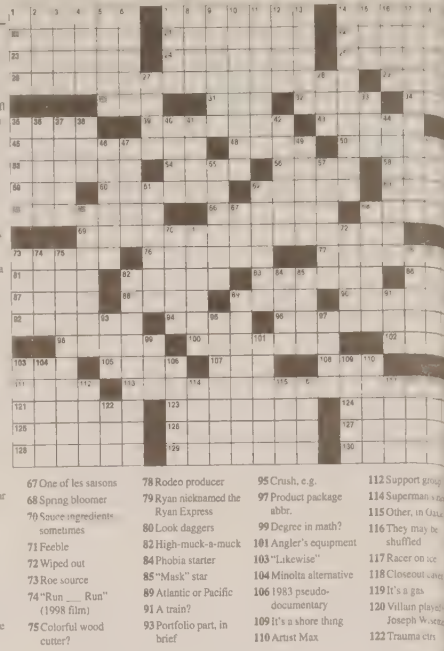
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"The Face of Buddha," April 21, 2 p.m. A gallery talk and tour of the "Face of Buddha" exhibition with Catherine Becker of the University of California at Berkeley. Becker will address the question of Greco-Roman influence on early Buddhist sculpture.

"The Other Collection: Aesthetic Sensibility and Chinese Buddhist Art," April 21, 3 p.m. A lecture by Patricia Berger, curator of Chinese Art at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, on the Chinese Buddhist paintings collected by Professor Cahill and the Cahill family which are not included in the exhibition "Masterworks of Chinese Painting: In Pursuit of Mists and Clouds." In the Museum Theater.

**GALLERY TOURS** — "Chinese Paintings," April 14, 2 p.m.; April 18, 5:30 p.m. \$6 general; \$4 seniors and students ages 12 to 18; free children under 12 and UC Berkeley students; free Thursdays. Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 642-0808 or

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**UC BERKELEY HEARST MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY** — "A Century of Collecting," through 2002. An exhibit honoring the first 100 years of the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Museum of Anthropology which has been closed for a complete renovation. The exhibit, drawn from 3.8 million objects collected over a century, contains 700 objects dating back to 4000 B.C. and includes documentary field notes, photographs and maps used by anthropologists who collected many of the objects. "Story cards" accompany the exhibit, explaining why individuals made and used the objects on display as well as why and how the collections were assembled. The pieces on display range from a funeral stela made for ancient Egyptian Princess Wepwennet, making a rare public appearance, to an elk antler spoon made in 1994 by a contemporary carver from the Hupa and Yurok tribes. "Native California Cultures," ongoing. This is a permanent

exhibit of some 500 artifacts from the museum's California collections, the largest and most comprehensive collections in the world devoted to California Indian cultures. The exhibit includes a section about Ishi, the famous Indian who lived and worked with the museum, Yana tribal baskets and a 17-foot Yurok canoe carved from a single redwood.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** — "Early History of UC Berkeley Anthropology," through April 29. The exhibit uses records, documents and images held by The Bancroft Library, with additional artifacts from the Hearst Museum and the American Museum of Natural History, to tell about the anthropology work of the university. At The Bancroft Library. Open during regular library hours.

\$2 general; \$1 seniors; \$0.50 youths age 16 and under; free on Thursdays for all. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kroeber Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 643-643-1193, ext 4 or

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**UC BERKELEY MUSEUM OF PALEONTOLOGY** — "Tyrannosaurus Rex," ongoing. A 20-foot tall, 40-foot replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the complete T. Rex skeleton excavated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were lying in place with only a piece of the tailbone missing. "Pteranodon," ongoing. A suspended skeleton of a Pteranodon with a wingspan of 23 feet. The Pteranodon was at the same time as the dinosaurs. "California Fossils Exhibit," ongoing. An exhibit of the fossils that have been excavated in California. **SPRING 2002 PUBLISHED SERIES** — "California Environment: Past Press Future." A series of lectures on California's unique ecosystems and the stress they are under as a result of the rapid growth of the state's human population.

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**USS HORNET MUSEUM** — Come aboard the USS Hornet, a World War II aircraft carrier that has been converted into a floating museum. The Hornet, launched in 1943, is 899 feet long and 27 stories high. During World War II she was never hit by an enemy strike or plane and holds the Navy record for number of enemy planes shot down in a week. In 1969 the Hornet recovered the Apollo 11 space capsule containing the first men to walk on the moon, and later recovered Apollo 12. In 1991 the Hornet was designated a National Historic Landmark and is now docked at the same pier she sailed from in 1944. Today, visitors can tour the massive ship, view World War II-era warplanes and experience a simulated aircraft launch from the carrier's deck.

**EXHIBITS** — "Hornets before Wings," ongoing. This exhibit chronicles the 227-year history of U.S. Navy ships bearing the Hornet name, from the Revolutionary War through the Cold War. "Boomerangs and Rooster-tails: Cold War ASW in the Pacific," ongoing. This exhibit honors the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) squadrons assigned to protect America during the Cold War. As a cornerstone of the Museum's new ASW Research Division, the exhibit traces the development of the Hunter-Killer ASW Carrier Battle Group and the role played by the VS Squadrons,

squadrons of anti-submarine planes.

"Flight Deck Fun," ongoing. A former Landing Signal Officer will show children how to bring in a fighter plane for a landing on the deck. Times vary. Free with admission.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** — **JROTC DRILL COMPETITION**, April 13. Come see and admire high school JROTC units from California and Nevada exhibit their drill and marching techniques on the Hornet's Flight Deck.

"Doolittle Raid Anniversary," April 18. In 1942, sixteen B-25s were loaded on board the USS Hornet at Alameda. Lt. Jimmy Doolittle led the Army Air Corps squadron on a mission against Japan that was to boost American morale and become the turning point of World War II. Visit the USS Hornet and learn more about this memorable event.

"Living Ship Demonstration," April 20. See the aircraft carrier in action as airplanes are lifted to the flight deck. Meet former crew members and learn what it was like to live and work on a floating naval station. As a salute to local hero Jimmy Doolittle, the Western Aerospace Museum will have a display of memorabilia on board the ship.

Protestant Divine Services, Sundays, 11 a.m. Hornet Chaplain John Berger conducts church services aboard the Hornet in the Wardroom Lounge. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are served immediately following the service.

\$12 general; \$10 seniors, students and military, active or inactive; \$5 youths age 5 to 16; free children under age 5. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pier 3 (enter at Atlantic Avenue), Alameda Point, Alameda. (510) 521-8448 or [www.uss-hornet.org](http://www.uss-hornet.org)

**WESTERN AEROSPACE MUSEUM** — The museum features a display of aircraft ranging from World War II to present-day models, as well as

other historical aviation memorabilia. Among the museum displays are a McDonnell Douglas A-4 Skyhawk from the Vietnam War; a McDonnell Douglas-British Aerospace Harrier; a replica of the Wright Brothers 1911 Vin Fiz, the first plane to be flown across the United States; and a Lockheed Vega, a single engine plane flown by Amelia Earhart who set speed records in it. The plane is the only Vega in existence with an aluminum fuselage. Also included is a vertical take-off Hamer jet formerly belonging to NASA and a British-built flying boat. Docent-led tours available by special request.

\$7 general; \$6 seniors; \$3 children age 6 through 12; free children under age 6; \$2 additional for Short Solent flying boat tour. Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. North Field, Oakland International Airport, 8260 Boeing St., Building 621, Oakland. (510) 638-7100.

### Children

**BARNES AND NOBLE, OAKLAND** — "Kids Story Times," ongoing. Stories will be read in the Children's book area. Free. Thursday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. 98 Broadway, Jack London Square, Oakland. (510) 272-0120.

**BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL** — The Bay Area Ridge Trail, when completed will be a 400-mile regional trail system that will form a loop around the entire San Francisco Bay region, linking 75 public parks and open spaces to thousands of people and hundreds of communities. Hikes on portions of the trail are available through the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. Call for meeting sites.

**ALAMEDA COUNTY** — Mountain Bike Basics, April 13 and May 11, 9 a.m. The Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay teaches monthly free mountain bike classes. Learn to ride prepared, responsibly and

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**BERKELEY EARTH DAY** — April 20, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The day begins with the Eco-Motion Parade at 11 a.m. with children and adult walking, biking, skating, using electric go carts and cars, and other forms of non-polluting transport. The day includes cultural performances, music, a climbing wall, children's eco-art making area, vegetarian food

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Good food, friendly service, and comfortable atmosphere describe Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant. For over 30 years the restaurant has been located adjacent to the Park Street Bridge overlooking the Alameda/Oakland estuary. The "Pier" offers an extensive menu featuring fresh seafood, Angus New York steak, prime rib, pasta, teriyaki ribs, daily specials, and much more. The theme in the kitchen is "good homestyle cooking." Brunch is served on weekends from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the popular earlybird menu is featured daily. Every table has a view of the water and there is plenty of free parking. The Pier is open 7 days a week, Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Bar Hours: Mon. - Thu. 11 a.m. - 11 p.m., Fri. - Sat.

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**BROOKS ISLAND REGIONAL SHORELINE** — "Intro to Kayaking," April 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A brief introduction to equipment and strokes followed by a trip through Richmond Harbor. Paddle Along Brooks Island's shoreline in single station kayaks in the sheltered bay water. Then enjoy a two-mile hike on the island. Bring lunch and water. Bring sunscreen and a hat, good walking shoes and mosquito repellent. Parental participation required. Reservations required. Ages 14 and above. Meeting place will be assigned with reservations (510) 865-1684.

**BUDDY CLUB CHILDREN'S SHOWS** — Dick Weirola, April 21, 1 p.m. An award-winning magician. \$7. The Berkeley Jewish Community Center Theater, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. (510) 236-1200 or [www.thebuddyclub.com](http://www.thebuddyclub.com)

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**GALLERIES AND EXHIBITS** — "Spaceflight: Journey to the Stars" through June 9. Explore the past, present and future of space travel with artifacts on loan from NASA. The exhibit, which traces the development of the nation's space exploration, includes a full-size replica of the Mercury Space Capsule, a scale model of the Mercury-Redstone rocket used to launch the capsule into space, a Mercury space suit, a Gemini spacecraft, scale models of the Apollo 11 spacecraft and the three-stage Saturn V rocket designed to launch the Apollo 11, a 1/50-scale model of the Space Shuttle, part spaceships and part ferryboat. There are also scale models of space exploration ships such as the Gemini-Huygens, the Stardust, the Mars Odyssey spacecraft, the Hubble Space Telescope as well as a 1/50 scale model of the International Space Station.

"Zeiss Telescopes," ongoing. A traveling exhibit displays telescopes and other stargazing equipment from the noted German manufacturer. Also included is Chabot's Zeiss Universal Starball in the Planetarium.

"Spaceflight Gallery," ongoing. A traveling exhibit that offers visitors a chance to discover the connections between space exploration, scientific endeavor and the historical achievements of space flights through both simulated and real features.

"Our Place in the Universe," ongoing. A walking tour of the universe using 3-D technology and featuring the globe, on permanent loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

**Planetary Landscapes:** "Capturing the Solar System," ongoing. Wander through a realm of swirling atmospheres, bubbling calderas, and a sea of volcanoes in this exhibit of interactive sculptures by artist Ned Gifford.

**Astronomy in California 1915-1950:** Observatories, Telescope Makers and their Instruments," ongoing. Explore California's astronomical history through a display of telescopes, artifacts, and the history of their makers, on loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

**The Origin and Meaning of Meteorites,** ongoing. A mural artist's Joy Day and B.E. Johnson, accompanied by a display of meteorite samples.

**Shadow Dance: Make An Eclipse,** ongoing. Create different types of solar and lunar eclipses, activate sensors on exhibit floor, and learn about eclipse myths, rituals and celebrations found in many world cultures. This multimedia exhibit changes each visit.

**"Touch the Sun,"** ongoing. Watch solar movies, explore the nature of light, learn about the technology surrounding the sun and about real-time solar energy usage from the Science Center's solar panels.

the effects it has on earth through the Solar-B mission.

**CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER COMMUNITY MISIONS** — Second Saturday, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. For adults and youths age 11 and up. Limited space. \$15.

**DISCOVERY CLUB** — through May 15. An after-school workshop for children ages 5 to 7 to explore the theme "Our Place in the Universe," brainstorm, solve problems, design, create and explore scientific processes. Free but pre-registration required. April 17, 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**PACCT DISCOVERY MISIONS** — A monthly program. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., through June 15. For teams of adults and children ages 11 and up. Design, build and present a proposal to NASA for a STARDUST spacecraft. \$45 per team.

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"Explorers of Mauna Kea," through August. Hear legends of this 14,000 extinct volcano and how they work, and explore the cosmos with astronomy's leading scientists.

"Starbound: A Sky for All Seasons," through June. A journey through the stars following the earth's motion around the sun. Prominent constellations of the four seasons are featured.

"The Sky Tonight," ongoing. A look at the current stars, constellations, and planets, the Andromeda Galaxy, and the Milky Way. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Wonders of the Milky Way," through June. This tour of the Milky Way Galaxy, beginning with its formation billions of years ago, surveys the wonders discovered by modern astronomy.

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"The Living Sea," ongoing. The film celebrates the beauty, power and importance of the ocean. Produced in association with The National Maritime Center, the Ocean Film Network and Dr. Robert Ballard.

"Mysteries of Egypt," ongoing. Experience the magic and mystery of Egypt by soaring over the great pyramids of Giza, cross the remote Valley of the Kings, and descend into the shadowy chambers of the sacred tomb of King Tutankhamen.

"Solarmax," ongoing. Live images of the sun and footage from around the world of solar observatories of the past, present, and future telling humankind's struggle to understand the sun.

"To Be An Astronaut," ongoing. Venture inside the gates of NASA to experience the rigors of astronaut training.

**SI-FI Film Monthly Friday** through Sunday Night Screenings: Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 4:30 p.m. \$8.75 general; \$6.50 seniors and children under age 12.

**OBSERVATORY COMPLEX** — Explore the night sky with refractor telescopes. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free.

\$8 general; \$5.50 seniors and youths age 4 to 12; free children age 3 and under; free for all on the first Wednesday of the month; free weekends for telescope viewing only; \$4 parking. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional planetarium, theater and telescope observatory evening hours: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. (510) 336-7300 or [www.chabotspace.org](http://www.chabotspace.org)

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"Play Island," ongoing. A multi-level treehouse play area inspired by the novel "Swiss Family Robinson." \$6 general includes unlimited rides, special shows, guest entertainers and puppet shows; free children under age 1. Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weather permitting. 699 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. (510) 452-2259, (510) 238-6878 or [www.fairyland.org](http://www.fairyland.org)



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Friday, April 12, 2002

Section D

## Classic Classics: This Ford Ranchero still a workhorse [D3]

**CHERYL JENSEN**  
Down the Road

Head restraints are not 'head rests'; they are safety devices

**MOTOR MATTERS**

Don't call them head rests. They are head restraints. You may rest your head against them when you are trapped in a traffic jam, but that's not their primary purpose.

Since 1969, head restraints have been required as safety equipment by the federal government to help prevent whiplash injuries in relatively low-speed, rear-end crashes. Until recently they haven't been regarded well enough to do the job, leading to some safety restraints.

The good news is that auto makers are doing a better job of designing head restraints that should prevent these neck injuries, according to ratings earlier this year by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety — the Arlington, Va.-based group — which is funded by the insurance industry.

The Institute evaluated head restraints in 200 vehicles from the 1999 model year and found 54 percent were either "good" or "acceptable."

That is a huge improvement over findings in 1995 when the Institute first began evaluating head restraints. At that time, only 7 percent were rated "good" or "acceptable." In fact, just five cars were "good," and three of the five Volvo models.

Just two years ago, when head restraints were evaluated by the Institute, fewer than one-third were



**PONTIAC AZTEK** offers four lifestyle packages to build on its versatile rear area; three are geared to outdoor activities with a bikers' package that includes rack for interior or exterior mounting; a hikers' package that provides custom-fitted backpacks, and a camping option with a tent that extends off the back and an air mattress that slides onto the floor when rear seats are removed.

## 2002 Pontiac Aztek AWD: Looking beyond its looks

**MOTOR MATTERS**

Much of the attention that Pontiac's Aztek received when it made its debut last year had to do with its looks.

GM stylists have done some post premiere year face-lifting, but as Aztek enters its sophomore season, it's still no threat to win a beauty contest.

As with people, though, you may miss a lot here if you don't look past what the eye can see. One of the first vehicles in a category known as crossovers, Aztek's strong suit is versatility, and its target market

is the outdoor enthusiast.

Aztek's interior blends a sporty's philosophy with the adaptability of a minivan. Starting with the standard front bucket seats, buyers choose from either a pair of captain's chairs or a three-passenger split bench in back. Both rear chair options can be folded forward or removed outright to increase cargo hauling possibilities.

There is a sizable 45 cubic feet of space available in back, expandable to 93.5 cubic feet, when rear seats are removed. Once you've got those seats out, Pontiac

**DAN LYONS**  
Get off the Road

has a number of interesting options for what you might replace them with.

With tailgate dropped, there is sufficient room to carry 4x8-foot plywood sheets in back. Anchor hooks are found all over the cargo bay to help secure the load.

Side saddle storage areas of various sizes are built-in along the back walls, too. Buyers can select a

cargo net system or a tray system that supports up to 400 pounds of sporting gear, camping stuff, home improvement products or the like.

The tray slides up and back for easy loading/unloading and can be removed and rolled away using the built-in handle and wheels.

The liftgate/tailgate is a two-piece, clamshell design. Though not as convenient for quick access as a one-piece door or hatch would be, it makes up for its lack of flexibility with added visibility.

The liftgate is a split glass design that allows something rare in

a utility vehicle — the opportunity to actually see what's directly behind you.

Among the four "lifestyle" packages available to build on the Aztek's versatile rear quarters are three that suit outdoor enthusiasts.

Bikers can choose a package that includes a rack for interior or exterior mounting of their two-wheelers. Hikers can select an option that provides custom fitted backpacks that attach to the front seatbacks when not in use.

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PONTIAC'S AZTEK comes with a camper's package that allows the back to become a tent for sleeping.

## Aztek

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Campers can opt for a custom tent that extends off the tail end of the opened vehicle. A fitted air mattress slides onto the floor once the seats are removed and can be inflated by means of a power outlet in back.

On the other hand, if your idea of the great outdoors is a tailgate party before the game, the Aztek's tailgate includes molded-in seating surfaces and cup holders, and that nearby power outlet just mentioned.

Mounted between the front seats is a combination console/cooler that can be removed and carried along once you get to your destination.

Since much of the Aztek's focus is geared toward the great outdoors, getting there becomes key. The base model is a front-wheel-drive vehicle.

Though not intended for hard core, off-road use, the optional Versatrak AWD system figures to boost Aztek's appeal to its active target audience.

Versatrak is a traction-on-demand system, functioning generally as a front-wheel driver, but directing power to the wheels with the

best grip, when conditions dictate. Minimum ground clearance is 7.2 inches and the Aztek has no undercarriage protection.

Aztek is powered by GM's 3.4-liter V6 engine. It is rated at 185 horsepower and 210 pound-feet of torque and provides ample oomph to get the Pontiac through any condition.

Since Aztek is more front- than four-wheel drive, customers don't have to pay for their part-time, max traction needs with full-time fuel guzzling.

The Aztek Versatrak is rated at

18 miles per gallon city and 24 highway, a notch higher than most utility vehicles. On the road, Aztek's handling is more sporty than sports car, but ride quality is very comfortable.

Like many of the crossover vehicles that have followed it, Aztek's appeal is as a 'tweener: somewhere south of rock scabbler SUVs, but north of suburban minivans.

Aztek's love-it-or-hate-it looks may inspire debate, but there's no disagreement over the fact that it's one of the most versatile vehicles in the marketplace.

### PONTIAC AZTEK AWD

Vehicle Type	Five-door, five-passenger crossover vehicle
Suggested Retail Price as Tested	\$20,845 \$21,830
Engine Type	OHV 3.4-liter V6 w/Versatrak
Horsepower	185 @ 5,200 rpm
Torque	210 @ 4,000 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Wheelbase	108.3 inches
Tires	(F/R) P235/55R17 all-season
Brakes	(F/R) Disc/disc ABS
Curb Weight	4,043 pounds
Fuel Capacity	18 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 18/24
Strong Feature	Versatility
Weak Feature	Ugly design

## Oakland show spotlights street rods, customs and motorcycles

RP PRODUCTIONS

OAKLAND — The second annual Oakland Rod, Custom & Motorcycle Show comes to the Oakland Coliseum Arena next weekend.

More than 250 street rods, race cars, low and slinky customs, hot and cool motorcycles will be on view next Friday through April 21.

Hours the first day are 5 to 10 p.m., and the final two days, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Among special displays will be Art Hims's Flash Gordon Zeppelin; a hand-fabricated Ferrari-powered Torpedo roadster by Oakland coachbuilder and metal craftsman Steve Moal; five customs by Arizona stylist Rick Dore, and the first showing of Vic Edelbrock's private collection.

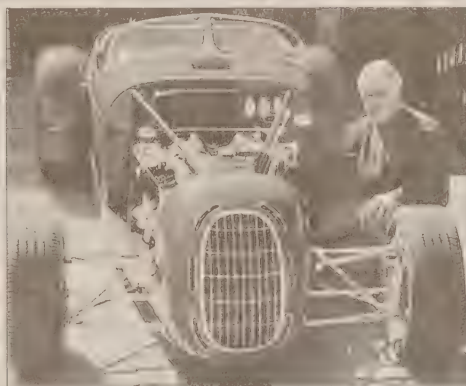
Also featured will be seven cars from shops of South City street rod builder Roy Brizio, including unrestored and historic Ala Kart roadster from the 1950s.

Craig Breedlove, America's land speed record holder at 675 miles per hour, will make a personal appearance next Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

He will autograph photos of his land speed machine, Spirit of America.

Admission is \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors age 65+, \$9 for ages 5 to 12 and free for children younger than 5, with \$3 discount coupons available at Bay Area Big O Tire stores.

Further information is available from RP Productions, 209-744-8090.



OAKLAND'S Steve Moal puts finishing touches on his 465-horsepower Ferrari V12-powered hand-built Torpedo roadster that will debut next weekend at Oakland Rod, Custom & Motorcycle Show.

## Road

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rated "good" or "acceptable." Head restraints in pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles have improved, too.

In 1997, only 13 percent of the head restraints in sport utilities were rated "good" or "acceptable." That has increased to 48 percent of 2001 models.

In 1997, only 21 percent of those in pickup trucks were "good" or "acceptable." That has increased to 50 percent of 2001 models.

The Institute does not crash test the head restraints, but instead rates them based on measurements of height and distance from the back of an occupant's head to the front of the head restraint.

Some automakers have criticized that rating method, saying that measurements are not a good predictor of how well head restraints will protect people in real-life rear-end collisions.

The Institute counters that measurements are a good predictor, based on an analysis of more than 5,000 State Farm insurance claims for rear-end collisions.

That study showed that drivers in cars with head restraints rated "good" were 24 percent less likely

to suffer neck injuries than those with "poor" restraints.

"Ideally, a head restraint should be at least as high as the top of the ears for the tallest member of the family," said Adrian Lund, the Institute's chief operating officer.

Furthermore, the distance between the restraint and the back of the head should be as little as possible. That is so the head restraint can reduce the sudden motion of the head in relation to the torso.

A distance of more than about 4 inches has been associated with an increase in injuries, he said.

Research indicates that whiplash occurs when the impact from the rear causes the torso to be pushed forward while the head and neck lag behind. If unsupported by a head restraint, the head and neck snap backward and then whip forward.

It also helps if the head restraint locks in place and cannot be pushed down.

In fact, much of the improvement in the ratings comes because automakers have taken the simple step of making head restraints that lock in position, Lund said.

Head restraints that can be knocked down or "folded" are high on the list of things to avoid when someone gets in a seat.

The Institute rates head designs as good, acceptable or poor based on how a restraint meets the two main criteria for an average, which it defines as 5 feet 6 inches and 170 pounds.

A "marginal" head restraint is the minimum height needed to protect an average-size whiplash injury; one that is poor does not.

Restraints rated "good" and "good" are high enough to protect taller occupants; those who are shorter are also closer to the head.

A full listing of the ratings is available free by either writing to the Institute or by visiting its Web site.

Letters should be sent to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1000 North 17th Street, Arlington, VA 22209. On the Internet, go to [www.hwysafety.org](http://www.hwysafety.org).

## In absence of 5W-20 oil, 5W-30

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Q My new Honda Civic is coming due for its first oil change, and I have a question about the recommended oil.

The maintenance book says to use 5W-20 motor oil. All my husband could find at the auto parts store was some \$7 per quart synthetic oil, as none of the regular brands came in this rating.

What gives? Can we use 5W-30 instead?

Patricia B., San Jose, Calif.  
A This has become a hot topic with owners of certain newer Ford and Honda vehicles that require the use of low-viscosity motor oil. 5W-20 oil can be hard to find,

BRAD BERGHOLDT  
Auto QnA

although the situation is improving.

I checked with several large retail stores (no luck) and a half dozen auto parts stores, finding only three that carried 5W-20 conventional (Castrol or Pennzoil) or Red Line Synthetic motor oil.

With a little research I found Amsoil, Chevron and Quaker State also produce 5W-20 oil, but retailers in northern California have been slow to respond to consumer demand.

Using low-viscosity oil might seem odd to longtime auto buffs, but some of today's high-performance engines are designed specifically for it.

Low-viscosity oils flow faster, reduce friction, better protect the valve train and improve fuel economy.

Also, the latest SL rated (American Petroleum Institute labeled) oils are formulated to further reduce high-temperature deposits, improve catalytic converter longevity and reduce oil consumption.

5W-30 oil is an acceptable substitute for folks who cannot find the recommended oil, but one should switch back (at the next oil change) when 5W-20 becomes more readily available.

Q I have a 2000 Olds Intrigue. The blinkers are the two yellow lights in front that stay on all the time.

When I turn my right blinker on, the front blinker goes out, and the back right blinker flashes very fast. It does it when the weather is hot.

It has been to the dealer

and with no solution. They have replaced bulbs, the blinker switch they checked the wiring any ideas?

Shelley Curvin, Huron

A Intermittent problems make a repair shop owner crazy. According to ALLDATA software, your front-turn signal bulbs are probably bad.

They're used as dimming lights and flash when the blinker switch is in the "on" position. If the bulbs are bad, the operation is required, and the system is trying to compensate for the multiple-related symptoms.

Since the light intensity to perform either of its functions, we know the fault lies in the DRL/turn signal circuit — thankfully ruling out origins of each circuit.

This leaves only the of wire and two common prime search area, but bulb and socket already replaced.

Shame on your dealer for finding the fault sooner. If the manipulation (applying subtle movement to the areas), it should be possible to correct the open circuit.

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# 1957 Ranchero is 'built Ford tough'

**MOTOR MATTERS**  
Ford and Chevrolet have been combatants in the annual battle for sales supremacy. In both automakers claimed vic-

torship of the 1957 model, including those built in 1956, manufactured almost 1.7 million versus Chevrolet's 1.5 million. Ford decided to count only vehicles manufactured in calendar 1957. By its calculations, Ford outsold Ford by 130 vehicles.

had been placing second in sales race for several years. Ford added a couple of new models in 1957 to spice up the sales. In addition to adding tastefully styled fins to the last (until recently) two-seat Thunderbird, Ford introduced a retractable hardtop on the Ranchero, as well as a car-based pickup called Ranchero.

Chevrolet never tried to compete with the Skylark, but in later years used the El Camino to do battle with Ford's Ranchero. One of the earlier Rancheros rolled off the Ford assembly line in Dearborn, Mo., on Aug. 27, 1956. The particular flame red and color white Ranchero was soon shipped west to Colorado. Ford advertised it as "More than a truck, more than a truck."

Records indicate that the Ford

**VERN PARKER**  
Classic Classics

was owned by a succession of three individuals in Colorado before passing into obscurity.

But in early 2000, Bob Hartig, a retired USAirways pilot with 31 years of flying under his belt, found it in Doylestown, Pa., and learned that the owner of the Ranchero was "selling out" in order to move to Arizona.

The two men agreed on a price and in March 2000, Hartig became the new owner of the Ranchero with almost 69,000 miles on the odometer.

Power seats, brakes, windows and steering were available extra-cost options that had been rejected by the original owner. "I like it that way," Hartig says.

The Ranchero is equipped with an AM radio, heater and clock. Hartig left Doylestown at 10 p.m. on what turned out to be an epic adventure home to McLean, Va.

Early into the trip the original vacuum-powered wipers, never excellent, gave up and quit working about half the time. "I drove the car on instruments after that," he says. "I drove by the seat of my pants."

Continuing his woe tale, Hartig recalls that as he entered the Baltimore Tunnel the generator warning light lit up the dashboard

"I drove the rest of the way home on the battery," he says. With dim headlights, he arrived about 2 a.m.

The battery must have been totally drained because the car would not start the next day. However, the electrical problem was quickly and easily rectified with a rebuilt generator.

On the way home, the Fordomatic transmission efficiently transferred to the highway the 212-horsepower produced by the 292-cubic-inch V8 engine. A two-barrel carburetor sits atop the engine.

Since buying the Ranchero, Hartig has made some improvements. With the memory of driving blind fresh in his mind, he converted the vacuum wipers to electric.

Additionally, he gave the engine a tuneup, replacing the original 1957 spark plug wires and the rotor under the distributor cap.

The ball joint front suspension is now so good Hartig can "thread a needle" with the car while at the helm of the deep dish steering wheel.

The interior of the Ranchero is mostly original with rubber floor mats, a red dashboard including a 120-mph speedometer, a white headliner, a spare 8x14-inch spare tire behind the passenger seat, dual under-dash airvents, a severe wrap-around windshield and red seat belts.

The seat belts were installed in



**THE FENDER-MOUNTED** mirrors on this 1957 Ford Ranchero were an option when it was new. Most of the interior of this classic is original, including red seat belts.

1966 and have warning tags attached instructing that the belts should be replaced every five years.

Along the top of the sides of the more than 6-foot-long bed is a protective stainless steel rub rail. A chrome-plated steer head emblem is mounted on the tailgate.

At the other end of the Ranchero, behind the optional accessory "V" bar between the front

bumper guards, are the fender-mounted mirrors. "The mirrors were options, believe it or not," Hartig says.

The Ranchero line continued until 1979. The new line of car/truck was advertised as "Built Solid Ford Tough."

The first Ranchero rode on a 116-inch wheelbase and sold for a base price of \$1,920.

Hartig's 45-year-old Ranchero now is approaching 70,000 miles. A firm adherent to the "Built Solid Ford Tough" slogan, he sees no end to the service his Ranchero can provide.

If you have a vehicle of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Motor Matters, 4635 Bailey Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808-4109 detailing it merits.

## When tell-tale signs from your car that require action

BY BRAD BERGHOLDT

puddles on the driveway, a shaky wheel, dim headlights. Your car is telling you something, but you don't want to hear it.

As the early warning signs and you wind up needing costly repairs or the side of the road awaiting a tow. Modern automobiles and trucks are exceedingly complex mix of mechanisms and electronics. To best protect your vehicle and to minimize the chance of repairs, you need to know how to interpret its nonverbal cues.

There are 10 things your car can tell you, you should never ignore:

**1. Indicators:** Gauges that read out of recommended range and illuminated warning lights are a sure sign of trouble.

**2. Oil, temperature or brake light:** Stop driving now, while a yellow engine or ABS light indicates a problem needs to be dealt with soon.

**3. Flashing check engine light (on a vehicle since 1996):** Indicates an engine is occurring, which must be fixed away. A repetitive misfire is usually by an ignition system fault and can kill the catalytic converter. Emissions will soon beyond belief.

**4. Illuminated maintenance reminder:** Can be remedied at your convenience, but to have the needed service performed within 30 days.

**5. Noises:** Engine pinging (usually during acceleration on hot days) is caused by abnormal combustion, and it leads to serious damage if it happens

frequently. Chassis/body rattles are often caused by loose or misaligned parts.

In general, the deeper the sound, the more serious the cause. Clunking from the suspension, steering or driveline should be looked into right away, as a critical part may be close to failure or separation. A repetitive knocking noise heard while sharply turning (on front-wheel-drive vehicles) is typically caused by a worn or loose constant velocity (axle) joint.

**6. Squealing brakes:** Often caused by harmless vibration of the disc brake pads, but a deeper grinding sound says you've worn all the way through the pad's friction material and are destroying the brake rotors.

**7. A repetitive nail-on-blackboard squeal (when not applying the brakes):** Likely to be the disc pad wear-sensors telling you they're getting thin.

**8. Glazed accessory belts:** can make a variety of whooshing or chirping noises, and a loose belt will often squeal when heavily loaded. Engine knocking (often worse at start-up or under load) usually indicates bearing problems — and can lead to big trouble if allowed to go too far.

**9. Leaks:** The color of the puddle can help identify its source. Watery green or orange fluid is likely to be engine coolant and should be taken seriously. Coolant loss can lead to overheating.

**10. Brown or darker oil:** can drip from the engine, older-generation manual transmissions, the rear differential or from the power steering system. Leaking red fluid can come from an automatic or manual transmission, the 4x4 transfer case and, possibly, the power steering or radiator.

**11. Slight seepage (a damp/dirty appearance or infrequent dripping):** can be acceptable on certain components, but truly wet or dripping parts should be repaired.

**12. Grease slung from faulty front-wheel-drive axle boots:** is a warning that CV joint failure is on the horizon unless action is taken soon. Clear water on the ground is condensation from the A/C system drain, and is normal.

**13. A windshield that fogs up badly or wetness on the passenger-side carpet:** usually indicates leakage from the heater core. You will want to fix this right away, before it makes a bigger mess.

**14. Fluid colors:** Burned or discolored fluids are shouting to be changed. Milky engine oil (coolant and oil mixed) can result from an internal gasket failure or component crack and should be repaired immediately. Automatic transmission fluid also can become contaminated (milky), should the radiator/transmission cooler develop a leak.

**15. Odors:** First, be sure the odor is coming from your vehicle, rather than from another source around it.

**16. A rotten egg smell emanating from the catalytic converter:** can be caused by an excessively rich air-fuel ratio or misfire. When climbing steep grades, a slight odor is acceptable, but it's otherwise a precursor to catalytic converter damage.

**17. A burning odor:** is often caused by an oil leak coming into contact with the exhaust system. Common sources are valve cover gaskets and rear/main crankshaft seals.

**18. A raw gasoline odor (except immediately after filling the tank):** is very serious

business. If a visible (liquid) gasoline leak is noticed, the car should be towed — not driven — to the repair shop. A dirty-sock odor in the ventilation system is caused by fungus buildup in the under-dash A/C evaporator.

**19. Professional treatment works best:** though home remedies can bring temporary relief.

**20. 6. Slipping and sliding:** Transmission hesitation or slipping might be caused by incorrect fluid level and should be corrected right away to avoid internal damage. Engine hesitation, reduced mileage or power loss can have a multitude of causes and may lead to increased engine wear and catalyst damage. A continual (thumping) misfire is the worst scenario.

**7. Shake, rattle and roll:** Shimmying or shaking is usually caused by poor tire/wheel balance, while pulling can be the result of low or badly worn tires or incorrect wheel alignment.

**8. Wandering might occur:** because of loose or worn front suspension or steering parts, while heaving and bouncing indicates worn shocks/struts.

**9. Tire talk:** Abnormal tire wear can occur because of improper inflation or incorrect wheel alignment. Excessive wear at the center of the tread says overinflation, while undue wear at both outer edges is caused by underinflation. Wear at one side or feathering might be caused by incorrect wheel camber or toe (alignment) issues. SUV owners should pay particular attention to tire inflation for better vehicle stability and to minimize the chance of tire failure.

**10. Dim lights, poor starting:** These are

signs of a weak battery or a possible charging-system fault. Check first for corroded battery terminals or a loose or slipping alternator belt. Batteries usually last for three to four years in hot climate, and longer where the weather is cool. Be sure the battery is securely mounted and properly charged.

**11. 10. Odometer:** This is your primary maintenance reminder. In most cases, minor service should be performed every 7,500 miles, and major service every 30,000.

**12. Regular oil changes:** are your first line of defense against engine wear. Don't forget about transmission, cooling system and brake fluid service when specified.

**13. A broken timing belt:** can wreak serious havoc on valves and pistons, so pay special attention to its replacement interval.

**14. Your car, truck or SUV may be one of your largest financial investments.** With proper care, today's vehicles are capable of delivering a quarter-million or more miles of service. A used Suburban or luxury car (100K or more miles) can command more than \$20,000, so it makes a lot of sense to treat such a vehicle with care. They're not throwaways any more.

**15. Almost every day, I see or hear of a serious (and expensive) vehicle problem:** that could have been avoided if the owner had been more aware of the need for early corrective action.

**16. You can never eliminate the possibility of a breakdown,** but you can drive a little more at ease knowing you've done your best to keep everything in ship-shape condition and have paid attention to the warning signs.

## New manager separates and secures cargo in pickup

**MOTOR MATTERS**  
Cargo management is sometimes described as a top-heavy and wasteful layer of distraction in corporate America.

When it comes to carrying cargo in pickup truck, Roll-N-Lock has come up with an innovative new product to help manage the middle.

**"Cargo Manager,"** this new product is the industry's first and only "reel bed divider."

Designed as an accessory for Roll-N-Lock's popular retractable cover system, it easily adapts to the existing hole patterns on truck beds.

On the road, the company also hopes to design one that adapts to open truck beds that have been outfitted with Sport Masters, Tekstyle, and other cover systems.

**Cargo Manager** is a sliding divider that is positioned in 3-inch increments the length of the truck bed to manage and contain lightweight cargo.

Controlled from the driver's side of the vehicle by spring-loaded control levers, the operator can position the divider on only one side of the truck.

Working with preventing cargo from shifting forward and backward, Cargo Manager easily adjustable tie-offs and bungees to keep cargo from shifting to the left or right.

**Tie-offs and bungee cords** can also be used to secure items that are prone to shifting.

**Up feature:** rotates the dividers up and down. This holds the dividers parallel to the floor and 12 inches above.

**As you can slide long objects,** such as ladders, into the truck bed under the divider, Cargo Manager weighs only 11 pounds and can be removed from the truck bed.

**The price is estimated at \$175,** plus shipping and installation. The company does not sell direct to consumers, only through a network. For more information, visit [www.rollnlock.com](http://www.rollnlock.com), or phone 800-952-0000 or e-mail [rl@rollnlock.com](mailto:rl@rollnlock.com).

**GARY MCCOY**  
Aftermarket Reports

■ One of the newest trends in truck bed fabrics is soft tonneau covers that look like carbon fiber.

**Roll-N-Lock** offers a version of this style for its retractable cover system in vinyl made by Haartz Corporation, a leading OEM fabric supplier.

**Roll-N-Lock** customers can now choose between carbon fiber and the company's traditional leather grain surface pattern. Another company pitching the carbon fiber look is Downey Products of Mooresville, N.C. To replicate the look of carbon fiber, the manufacturer scanned an actual piece of it into a computer. That image was then transferred to an embossing wheel.

The result is an image that duplicates all of the reflective and woven qualities of carbon fiber.

For more information contact the company at 800-736-1610 or visit the Web, [www.downeyproducts.com](http://www.downeyproducts.com).

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# High-tech explorer maps streets

BY MATT NAUMAN  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

There are no walnut trees in KB Home's Walnut Hills subdivision off Interstate 680 in Pleasanton. There are no hills either.

In fact, there's not really a subdivision here. Not yet, anyway. Just some models and a few half-constructed homes that will sell for \$628,500 to \$729,000 after they're built in the next few months.

What's here — where a field of hay used to grow — is mud and gravel and concrete trucks and house framers and lots of other workers in hard hats. It's a tangled, treacherous mess. Forklifts move back and forth.

Roads, some paved, others not, are often blocked by equipment, workers or barricades.

But none of it deters Ron Bennett. He's a digital mapmaker for Navigation Technologies, which has a local office in Sunnyvale.

NavTech is the industry leader in supplying mapping databases for in-car and handheld navigation systems as well as for Internet sites and wireless applications.

Before the end of this bright, chilly day, Bennett will have logged 153 miles in South San Jose and southern Alameda County, adding information for 108 streets, including the locations of dividers and where people can and can't make legal turns, into the NavTech database.

NavTech has nearly 5.4 million miles of North American roads, streets and highways in its database, but new ones are being built all the time, and it's the job of people such as Ron Bennett to drive them first.

In places such as Walnut Hills, Bennett is way ahead of the curve. He first looks for street signs. He then looks for street numbers.

Sometimes street signs are one of the first things to get stuck into the ground in a new subdivision. Sometimes they're not. And when they're not, Bennett relies on experience and intuition.

He finds street names embedded into concrete curbs. Or written in haste on small yellow signs that stick out of the mud where a house will grow. Or scrawled with a Magic Marker on the front of a utility box.

Modern explorer Bennett's know-how and the tools of his trade make him something of a modern-day Lewis and Clark. Developers build homes. Families buy them.

But it's Bennett and hundreds of other NavTech staffers around the world who turn those addresses into destinations for the rest of us.

"It's one of the ironies of this high-tech product that it really takes local knowledge," said John MacLeod, Navigation Technology's executive vice president for marketing and sales.

Navigation Technology of Sunnyvale has nearly 5.4 million miles of North American roads, streets and highways in its database, but new ones are being built all the time, and it's the job of people such as digital mapmaker Ron Bennett to drive them first.

"There's no central place in the U.S. to find out where the next road is being built."

So, while the privately held company gets some mapping information from government sources, such as city or county planning departments, or from housing developers, much of NavTech's mapping information is gathered by its field force.

Each person is responsible for a certain territory, and they monitor newspaper real-estate ads or watch for signs touting new developments.

And when they see signs of something starting, say a graded road on a hillside, they leave themselves notes to return to the area in a month or two.

Bennett, a former Western region manager of field operations, is now a technology support manager. He manages the hardware, works to improve the data-collection software and teaches and trains the field staff.

He gathers information about four days a month "prototyping new software and developing best practices. Performing real collection is the best way to prototype new tools and processes."

On this day, he first drives his Chevrolet Malibu sedan — white and inconspicuous, except for the cone-shaped Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite antenna mounted on the roof — to Silver Creek Valley Road in South San Jose.

Inside the car, there's a dash-mounted laptop that's running an in-house version of NavTech's map using the company's WinGWS software.

Using voice commands or a game pad or a pen tablet, Bennett can drop in icons, signs and symbols.

The car's path creates the map on the screen. Into a shirt-mounted microphone, Bennett describes his position ("lane two of two"), what he's seeing ("large divider on the left," "35 mph sign," "Chislin Street. 2105 on the left") between each road seg-

ment, which is how NavTech catalogues the territory from one intersection or cross-street to the next.

After a day of (street) hunting and (address) gathering, Bennett will return to the office to clean up the data and permanently add it to the database.

Points of Interest (POIs) are culled from another company and then added to NavTech's data.

NavTech has nearly 1.2 million POIs — things such as restaurants, parks, gas stations and ATM machine locations — in its North American database, according to Bob Richter, a company spokesman.

MacLeod, who joined NavTech in 2000 after working for Sony and Disney, is part of a management team that's "evolving and changing" the company from a provider of digital maps for expensive in-car navigation systems into a provider of maps for mainstream users — those on the Web, those who carry PDAs, fleet drivers and drivers of mainstream cars such as the Toyota Camry, which offers a navigation system for the first time in its 2002 model.

"We're trying to revolutionize what people think about maps," MacLeod said.

It's all part of the telematics buzz, the soon-coming wave that combines entertainment, information, navigation and location-based merchandising inside a vehicle.

After a quick lunch at McDonald's — he parks the car so he can keep a watch on it and its equipment through a window — Bennett is off to Pleasanton. Here, new subdivisions grow as fast as the weeds they replaced.

An afternoon becomes a blur as Falls Creek Drive becomes Hidden Creek Court becomes Creek Trail Drive. Bennett is working fast, rarely stopping the car except to figure his route to a new "sub."

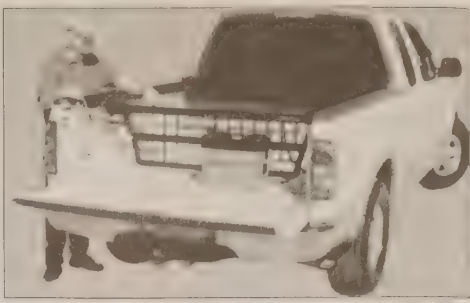
He allows himself a pat on the back when he finishes one ("That is nailed!") or an occasional comment about overdevelopment ("Too bad. This area used to be very beautiful."), but he remains thoroughly focused.

He says he snaps a digital photo when he comes by something truly odd, but he's too busy searching for a street name to notice a giant blue heron whose home is about to disappear.

Despite the maze of unfinished streets, he never gets lost and knows exactly which streets he has covered and which ones need to be done. "A matter of experience," he said.

"For me, when I see a new development, I see a challenge," Bennett said.

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BY TOM INCANTALUPO  
NEWSDAY

The Japanese still build the most trouble-free vehicles, Toyota and Subaru especially, says Consumer Reports' annual new car issue.

Based on half a million responses from its readers, the annual survey also shows European vehicles coming in second and Big Three vehicles close behind.

Among the latter, Chrysler Group vehicles had the fewest problems, followed by GM, while Ford brought up the rear.

Overall, the vehicle with the fewest reported problems was the Infiniti QX4 SUV. The most reliable passenger car was the Infiniti I30.

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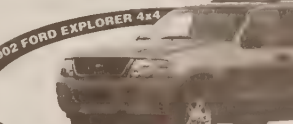


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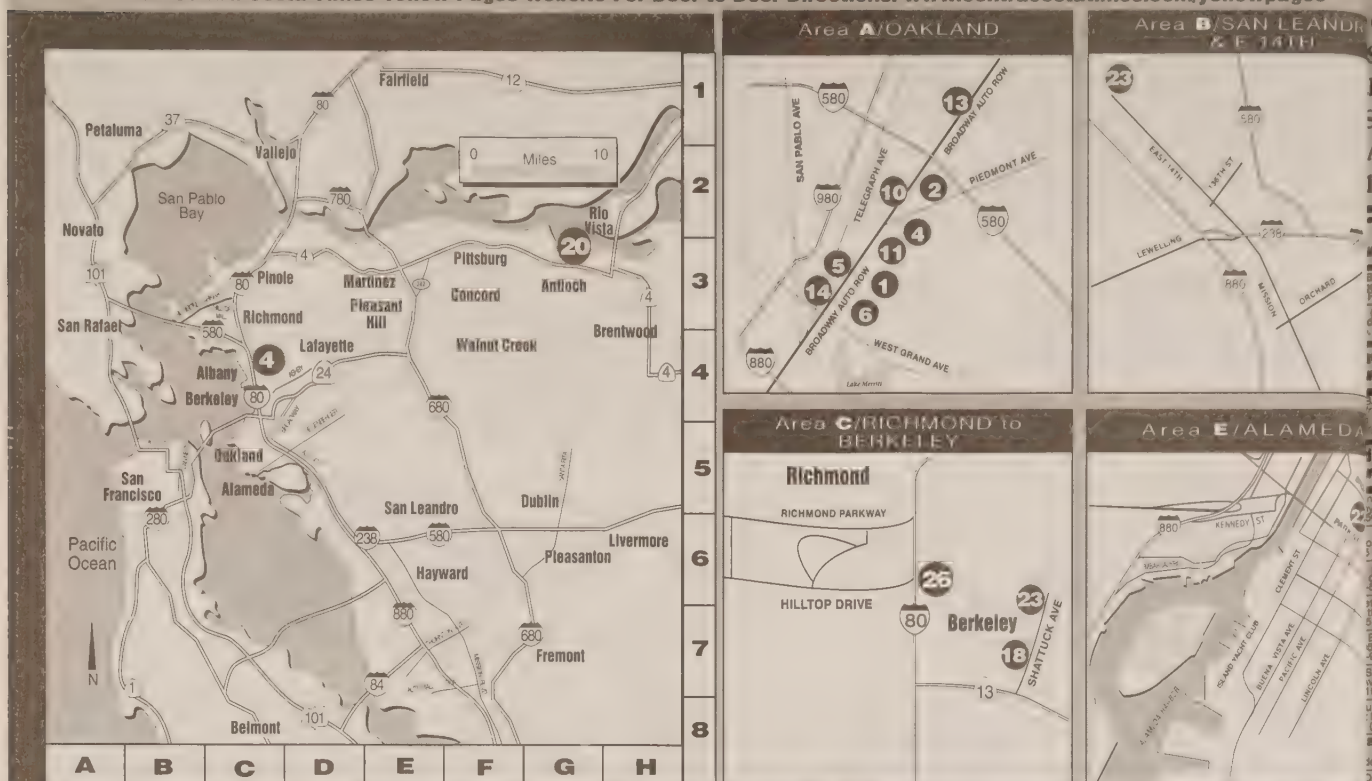
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
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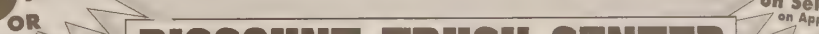
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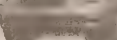
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
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# Shopping Plus

Friday, April 12, 2002

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## Popcorn: All-American tasty snack comes home from the movies

STEPHANIE DUNNEWIND  
THE SEATTLE TIMES

Popcorn is associated only with theater munching — the ad-  
vertisement television caused an initial  
slump in the 1950s — now  
popcorn is eaten at home,  
in front of the TV.

The popped whole grain is so  
versatile it can be paired with dozens  
of flavors, from sweet to salty — or,  
in the case of the ubiquitous ket-  
tles, both at the same time.

Popcorn is a healthful snack, full  
of carbohydrates, or a decadent  
treat drenched in caramel, choco-  
late and butter.

It's a universal snack that lends  
itself to a lot of different flavorings,"  
said Kim Eisen, vice president of  
marketing for Iowa-based Jolly  
Popcorn. "You can find a recipe to fit  
any party."

Americans consume 16 billion  
popped popcorn each  
with the average person gob-  
bling up 68 quarts annually, said  
Carbonara, communications  
manager for the Chicago-based  
National Board of Fire Underwriters.

The majority (70 percent) is  
eaten at home, while the rest is pur-  
chased at stadiums, movie theaters,  
and the like.

Popcorn is one thing just about  
everyone enjoys," Carbonara said.  
Last year saw sales rise from 934  
million pounds in 1998 to 961 mil-  
lion pounds in 2000.

Popcorn has been an American  
snack for millennia. Native Americans  
used English colonists to pop-  
corn for the first Thanksgiving feast.

The first use of microwave heat-  
ing in the 1940s was to pop pop-  
corn. Most popcorn eaten at  
home is made in the microwave (70  
percent). A fifth is purchased already  
in ready-to-eat bags, with  
kernels taking up the re-  
maining 10 percent.

Microwave popcorn accounts for  
\$240 million in annual U.S.

The hottest flavor in microwave  
popcorn is the slightly sweet, slightly  
salty kettle corn, which has been  
available for about a year. Though  
most people prefer the convenience  
and ease of microwave popcorn,  
some say the bagged stuff just can't  
compete with the taste of popcorn  
made by the traditional method.

Mary MacLean of West Seattle,  
Wash., has friends who insist she  
make three or four batches of pop-  
corn when they come over. She  
makes it on the stovetop because  
she thinks the oil in microwave pop-  
corn gives it a funny flavor.

She uses canola oil and only  
white popcorn — because "it's  
fluffier and I like it better than yel-  
low" — in a four-quart pan she re-  
serves for popcorn.

Though she'll put butter or  
Parmesan cheese on it for friends,  
she prefers it with salt only.

A stovetop popper with a stirring  
rod, which pops corn in just a cou-  
ple minutes, sells well at Sur la  
Table, a Seattle-based chain of up-  
scale kitchen-equipment stores, said  
spokeswoman Susanna Linde.

Another popper with a basket  
and long handle, designed to pop  
kernels over a campfire or barbe-  
cue, is popular during the summer.  
"It makes a huge difference to  
pop popcorn on the stove," said Sur  
la Table President Renee Behnke.

Cooks who make plain popcorn  
can have fun experimenting with dif-  
ferent seasonings, such as sprink-  
ling corn with flavored oils instead  
of butter or dusting it with garlic or  
chili powder.

Though white and yellow vari-  
eties are most common, gourmet  
popcorn kernels also come in red,  
black, blue, pink, purple and brown  
(they all pop up white, however).

The red variety, also known as  
strawberry popcorn, has a nutty flavor  
and crunchy texture; black pop-  
corn pops without a hull and is  
therefore very tender.

Popcorn took a public-relations



BARRY WONG/SEATTLE TIMES

**THE ADVENT OF TELEVISION** caused an initial slump in the consumption of popcorn in the 1950s because most was eaten at movie theaters. Now the majority of popcorn snackers partake of it in front of the television set.

hit in the early 1990s when the Cen-  
ter for Science in the Public Inter-  
est blasted a container of the  
theater popcorn for having as much  
fat as six Big Macs.

Carbonara says popcorn is like  
salad — a good food that can be-  
come less good when people start  
adding high-fat toppings. Microwave  
popcorn also makes it  
harder to control fat and salt.

Popcorn is one of those things

that is easy to keep nibbling away  
at. Two people sharing a bag of  
Newman's Own natural-flavor mi-  
crowave popcorn, for example,  
could each consume approximately  
16 grams of fat, 270 milligrams of  
sodium and 255 calories in a sitting.

Dieters still rely on air-popped  
popcorn as a filling nonfat, sugar-  
free, low-calorie snack (30 calories  
in a cup). But most people eat pop-  
corn because it tastes good, not be-

cause it's good for them.

"We eat popcorn in America  
like nobody else eats it," said  
Behnke, noting that movie fare in  
Italy or France is wine and toasted  
nuts. "Popcorn is truly only an  
American phenomenon."

### Popcorn recipes

#### FIVE-SPICE POPCORN

2 ½ quarts plain popped corn  
1 cup chow mein noodles

½ cup coarsely chopped  
peanuts

½ cup unsalted butter

½ teaspoon sugar

½ teaspoon five-spice powder

½ teaspoon garlic powder

½ teaspoon hot chili oil

About ¼ teaspoon salt

■ In a large roasting pan, com-  
bine the popped corn, chow-mein

See POPCORN, Page 2

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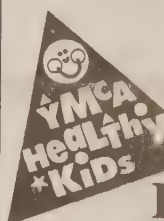
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# Chicken-fried steak with pan gravy is a quick comfort food that's inexpensive

BY WILLIAM RICE  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Today the ever-expanding boundaries of comfort food include a dish that in recent years has been more talked about than eaten, except at truck stops. I refer to the chicken-fried steak, an inexpensive cut of beef, coated in flour and fried until brown.

Quick to cook and economical, it can be a treat. Or it can be tough, tired and weighed down by a pan gravy that has the texture and taste of wallpaper paste. There's no secret to success, really. If your steak is inexpensive, and it should be, it's going to be tough.

I use cube steak, which has been tenderized to some degree by the butcher. Just take time to work the flour into the meat evenly and don't cook it beyond medium.

A little cornbread, a friendly vegetable, something cold to wash it down and a taste of something sweet to finish is the recipe

for a nicely "satisfying" meal. If your comfort zone includes a side of creamy mashed potatoes with your meat but you are counting calories, toss shredded, steamed zucchini with a little tomato sauce or leave the zucchini plain and make it into a bed for the steak and gravy.

## Menu

Chicken-fried steak with pan gravy  
Shredded zucchini with tomato sauce  
Corn bread with butter and cane syrup  
Iced tea or beer  
Pralines

## Time-saving tips

Shred the zucchini first and steam it while preparing the steaks.

Heat some tomato sauce in a saucepan while the steaks are cooking and toss the zucchini in the hot sauce to warm it up.

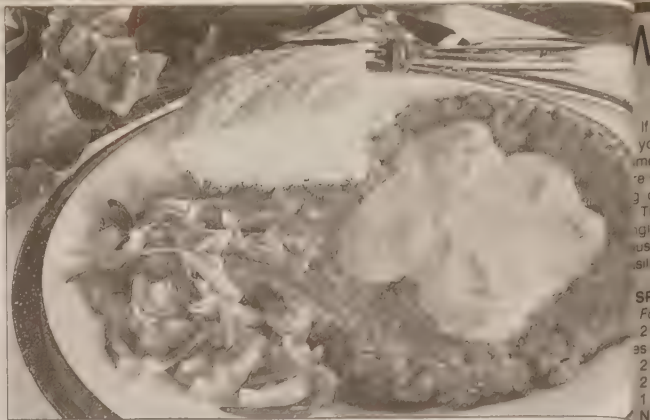
## CHICKEN-FRIED STEAK WITH PAN GRAVY

2 cube steaks, about 6 ounces each  
¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons flour  
½ teaspoon each: salt, freshly ground pepper, paprika, plus more to taste

1 cup vegetable oil  
2 tablespoons chopped tomato  
1 tablespoon chopped onion  
1 ¼ cups milk, or more if needed  
■ Pat the steaks dry; set aside.

Combine ¼ cup of the flour and ½ teaspoon of the salt, pepper and paprika on a plate; stir with a fork until well blended. Coat each steak with the flour mixture; pound lightly on both sides with a rolling pin or the side of a cleaver to help the meat absorb the flour. All the flour should be used.

■ Heat the oil in a skillet until very hot, 375 degrees. Add the steaks; cook until seared and well crusted on one side, about 2 minutes. Turn the steaks with tongs; cook 2 minutes more for medium.



CHICKEN-FRIED STEAK and a side of shredded zucchini can create a quick and satisfying weeknight supper.

Transfer the steaks to a plate lined with paper towels; keep warm.

■ Pour off all but 2 tablespoons of the cooking oil. Return the pan to medium-low heat. Whisk in remaining 2 tablespoons of the flour;

cook 1 minute. Add the tomato and onion. Whisk in milk; cook until thick, 3 minutes. Add more milk if the gravy becomes too thick. Season to taste with salt, pepper and paprika.

■ Spoon a little of the gravy onto plates. Top with remaining gravy at the discretion of the diner. Preparation time: 2 minutes. Cooking time: 10 minutes. 2 servings

# Curry an extremely versatile seasoning for thought

BY ARTHI SUBRAMANIAM  
THE BOSTON GLOBE

What is curry? The word is misused, often distorted, as a catchall term for any hot or spicy dish of Indian origin.

Not all spicy dishes are curries, such as the vindaloos, kormas, kootis, and do pyazs. There is no standard, predefined curry dish.

Also, curry powder, the yellow spice mix found in supermarkets, is scoffed at by the cognoscenti. In the Indian subcontinent, freshly ground spices are the order of the day.

With spice mixtures varying from dish to dish and from region to region, the blends cannot be represented in the form of a single curry powder, they say.

"The word 'curry' is as degrading to India's great cuisine as the term 'chop suey' was to China," says Madhur Jaffrey, the cookbook author, in "An Invitation to Indian Cooking."

"If curry is an oversimplified name for an ancient cuisine," Jaffrey says, "curry powder attempts to oversimplify (and destroy) the cuisine itself."

The word, whose origins go to southern India, has traveled far and wide, turning up in Thailand,

Ethiopia, and the Caribbean.

The British are said to have appropriated curry from the Tamil word "kari," which means a dry vegetable dish or a meat dish in a sauce, or from the curry leaf of the Murraya koenigii plant that is used to enhance the flavor of a dish.

Lore has it that the Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama, who set up trade in southern India in the 15th century, changed the nature of the spice mix by introducing chili peppers, which had been brought to Europe from the New World.

Southern masalas are more likely to contain chilies as an ingredient as a result.

Over the years, several variations of the dishes and spice mixtures have flowed from the give and take of ideas and tastes. Recipes may call for a long list of ingredients, but curry dishes don't have to be complicated, and the cooking is straightforward.

All you need is an open mind and an appetite for deep flavors.

First keep in mind that curry is versatile. It can be dry or accompanied with a sauce. It can be done with as few as four ingredients or as many as 15 to 20. It can

be bland or spicy. It can be buttery and indulgent; it can be light and lean, with little oil.

Curry has also come to mean a blend of spices that has heat and fragrance. The word masala is used in India to convey the same meaning.

The spice shelf of a cook who makes curry might hold seeds, pods, sticks, leaves, and powders that render sweet, sour, hot, and bitter tastes. But you don't need anything that exotic to make a good curry.

Recipes for the Indian spice mixtures, with variations on the proportions used, are passed down from generation to generation. The recipes differ from region to region.

A southern blend known as sambhar powder comprises coriander and cumin seeds, black pepper, fenugreek, red chilies, and turmeric powder.

A northern version of garam masala includes ground cumin, coriander, black pepper, cloves, cardamom, cinnamon, mace, and nutmeg.

Panch phoron, a classic blend from the east, contains fenugreek, fennel, cumin, black mustard, and nigella (kalonji) seeds.

Dishes in the west tempered with goda (black) masala include a ground mixture of coriander, sesame, cumin, and caraway seeds, desiccated coconut, asafoetida (a resin), cinnamon, cloves, cardamom, red chilies, and turmeric powder.

Mixing and matching of spices from the different regions is acceptable as long as it is agreeable to the taste buds.

A spice mixture can be ground either into a powder or a paste. The flavor is at its best when the spices are roasted dry before being ground.

The shelf life of a powder is not more than six months, and outlasts that of a paste. A paste could include coconut, tamarind (a sour pulpy fruit), ginger, garlic, onions, and tomatoes.

I learned to make vegetable curry dishes from my mother. The carrot curry that follows is simple, and can be made quickly when unexpected guests show up. The chili can be left out if you want it mild.

The potato-and-peas curry has a strong flavor and some heat. These dishes can be served with rice or breads such as parathas, pooris, and chappatis.

## Popcorn

noodles and peanuts.

■ Melt the butter in a small saucepan. Remove from the heat and whisk in the sugar, five-spice powder, garlic powder, chili oil and salt. Pour over the popcorn mixture and stir well with a large spoon.

■ Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven 5 minutes.

Makes about 3 quarts  
Adapted from a recipe from

popcorn.org.

## POPCORN CRUNCH

About 4 ½ quarts popped corn  
1/3 cup butter  
1/3 cup brown sugar  
¼ teaspoon salt

■ Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Pour the popped corn into a large roasting pan. Melt the butter in a small saucepan and whisk in the brown sugar until melted.

■ Pour the sugar mixture over the popcorn and sprinkle with salt.

Mix well with a large spoon until the popcorn is coated.

■ Bake the popcorn 5 minutes, stir and continue baking 5 additional minutes. Cool for 10 minutes or so before serving. The popcorn will keep well in a covered container.

Makes about 4 ½ quarts  
Adapted from a recipe from popcorn.org.

## CAJUN POPCORN

About 5 quarts popped corn

7 tablespoons butter  
1 ½ teaspoons lemon pepper  
1 tablespoon Cajun-style seasoning mix (see note)

■ Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Pour the popped corn into a large roasting pan. Melt the butter and stir in the lemon pepper and Cajun seasoning mix. Pour over the popcorn, mixing well with a large spoon.

■ Bake the popcorn 4 minutes, stir gently and continue baking 4 minutes longer.

About 5 quarts

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# Wake up brunch with potato crunch

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Spring brings out the sociable you, and if you want to try something new for yourself first before you do some casual entertaining, consider these potato baskets. They are a savory alternative to English muffins, a kind of spud cousin of Eggs Benedict which can easily be adapted for vegetarians.

## SPRING POTATO BASKETS

**For the Baskets:**  
2 pounds (4 to 5 medium) potatoes, grated (5 cups)  
2 medium eggs, lightly beaten  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon pepper  
Nonstick cooking spray  
**For Hollandaise Sauce:**  
6 egg yolks  
1/2 cup water  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1 cup firm cold butter, cut into pieces  
1/4 teaspoon salt, optional  
1/4 teaspoon paprika  
Dash ground red pepper  
**For the Filling:**  
1 cup finely chopped fully

cooked deli ham (see note)

16 medium eggs

**To make the Baskets:** In large bowl, combine potatoes, 2 eggs, salt and pepper; toss to combine. Spray 16 medium nonstick muffin cups with nonstick cooking spray, coating well. (The spray helps to make potato nests crisp.)

For each muffin cup, spoon rounded 1/4 cup potato mixture into the palm of your hand; squeeze out excess moisture; place in muffin cup. Push potatoes onto bottom and up side of cup to form a "basket." Bake on bottom rack in 350 F oven for 35 minutes. When potato baskets are done, remove from oven.

**To make Hollandaise Sauce:** In small saucepan, beat together egg yolks, water and lemon juice. Cook over very low heat, stirring constantly, until yolk mixture bubbles at edges. Stir in butter, 1 piece at a time, until melted and sauce is thickened. Stir in seasonings. Remove from heat. (Cover and chill if not using immediately.)

**To make Filling:** Place 1 table-

spoon ham into each basket. Crack 1 egg into each; return to 350 F oven on middle rack. Bake an additional 14 to 16 minutes or until egg whites are firm. Run small spatula along edge of baskets to loosen. Place 2 baskets on each of 8 individual plates. Spoon 1 table-spoon sauce into each basket. Pass remaining sauce at the table. Serve immediately.

Preparation 40 minutes, cooking time 1 hour, 5 minutes. Makes 8 servings (2 baskets each).

**Cook's tip:** Serve with steamed asparagus, if desired.

Substitute a 26-ounce package or 4 cups frozen shredded hash-brown potatoes, thawed, for fresh potatoes. Squeeze out moisture before continuing with recipe.

**Note:** For vegetarians, simply omit ham. Or you may substitute sautéed mushrooms, chopped red bell peppers or zucchini.

**Recipe for Potato Baskets from the National Potato Promotion Board. Recipe for Hollandaise Sauce recipe provided by the American Egg Board.**



AP PHOTO

**SPRING POTATO BASKETS** are a savory alternative to English muffins, a kind of spud cousin of Eggs Benedict which can easily be adapted for vegetarians. Consider them for spring entertaining — or if you want to try something new for yourself.

# Invent your own way to enjoy an "old friend"

NAPS

Peanut butter is the leading use of peanuts in the U.S. In fact, the world's largest peanut butter factories tout 250,000 jars of the treat every day. However, though peanut butter is now an American institution, the modern version has only been enjoyed in this country for about 75 years. In the early 1900s, agriculturist and inventor Dr. George

Washington Carver created more than 300 ways to use peanut butter and peanuts in everyday life. Known as the "father of the peanut industry," Carver helped create new demand for the food and greatly improved the fate of the American farmer.

Since then, childhood favorites (like PB&J) have helped spread the love of peanut butter among generations past and present. But

classic, tried-and-true sandwiches are certainly not the only way to enjoy peanut butter's velvety smooth (or deliciously crunchy) qualities.

More and more, peanut butter is being featured as a main ingredient in everything from appetizers to desserts. The savory substance also is showing up as the main attraction of an upscale meal, thanks to its versatile marinade, sauce- and soup-forming abilities.

In the legacy of Dr. Carver, the National Peanut Board offers some creative, daring and inventive ways to benefit from an American favorite that brings with it the feeling of getting together with an

old friend:

- Decorate a cake with peanut butter instead of icing.

- Swirl peanut butter in your applesauce (or oatmeal).

- Make a "Nana Dog" — replace a hot dog with a banana, and use peanut butter instead of ketchup.

- Smear peanut butter on a bagel for an energy bar with curves.

For more recipes, visit the National Peanut Board Web site at [www.nationalpeanutboard.org](http://www.nationalpeanutboard.org).

## THAI PEANUT CHICKEN

1/2 cup peanut butter  
1/3 cup honey  
1/4 cup soy sauce  
2 tablespoons curry powder

2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 to 2-1/2 pounds chicken, cut into pieces

Blend peanut butter with honey and soy sauce until smooth. Stir in curry powder and garlic; blend well. Place chicken in a large plastic bag. Pour peanut butter mixture over chicken and mix well. Close bag and chill at least 2 hours.

Remove chicken and broil or grill over medium heat, 4 to 6

inches from heat. Turn chicken and brush with marinade occasionally while cooking. (Do not brush with any more marinade less than 10 minutes before chicken is done.) Cook until chicken is no longer pink in thick part (cut to test), 15 to 30 minutes, depending on size and piece.

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## Sonoma vineyard offers very food-friendly wines

BY JOHN GRIFFIN  
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

When a zinfandel label boasts its "old vines," what exactly does that mean? In the case of Kunde Estate Winery, it means 120 years. About as old as Edison's light bulbs, the Alaska Gold Rush and the introduction of long-distance phone calls.

Kunde Estate Winery itself hasn't been around that long. The family bought the Sonoma County vineyard in 1904, but operated it for years under its original name, Wildwood Vineyards. Since then, it faced Prohibition and a shutdown during World War II.

The fourth generation of Kunderes revived the winemaking operation in 1991, this time under the family name, and the winery's reputation has been steadily building, thanks especially to its Century Vines Zinfandel and its chardonnays.

Helping bring that about has been the task of winemaker David Noyes, whose background in-

cludes 10 years at Ridge Winery in addition to working at several Bordeaux chateaux.

The attention the winery pays to achieving excellence is evident in the handling of its 2000 Sonoma Valley Chardonnay, its largest output at about 50,000 cases. Sixty percent of this wine was fermented in barrel followed by a complete malolactic fermentation. Twenty-five percent of it was aged in new wood, while the remainder was aged in older barrels.

The result is an extremely food-friendly wine that doesn't taste like a plank and sells for a fairly attractive \$17 a bottle. New oak too often overpowers the chardonnay grape's natural flavors.

Here, there's a nice balance of apple and melon with the buttery, vanilla quality the wood imparts. It partnered beautifully with a bowl of toasted almonds as an appetizer. It also has a youthful quality that indicates it could be successfully held for a few years.

Peter Schneider, president of

Kunde, is obviously proud of the elegance Noyes has achieved in the winery's offerings. "When a winemaker's got a passion for something, it usually turns out wonderfully," he said during a recent marketing trip to San Antonio.

While stumping on behalf of his wines, Schneider explained that Kunde isn't the typical winery. Vines don't cover even half of the 2,000-acre farm. Only 800 acres are planted; the rest are used to raise Hereford cattle. Planted on those Sonoma slopes and outcrops, though, are 23 varieties that thrive in the multitude of differing microclimates the huge acreage provides.

Not all of those are bottled by the winery. "We can't make everything we grow," Schneider said. "It's really hard for a small winery to come out with many things." So some of the grapes have been sold through the years to other wineries, including Chateau St. Jean.

Noyes and the Kunderes would rather focus on a handful of wines

and achieve a higher quality with those, Schneider said. "If you are going to sacrifice the quality for the quantity, you will lose in this business," he said.

Kunde has historically been found largely in restaurants. But the winery is expanding to more stores in the hope of attracting a larger market.

In addition to the chardonnay, some markets are carrying Kunde's 1998 cabernet sauvignon (about \$23), which features small amounts of cabernet franc and petit verdot for greater complexity. There are black cherry notes mixed with a nutty quality.

Tannins are firm, leading to a pleasant, lengthy finish. Both it and the rich 1999 zinfandel (about \$17) suggest greater things to come if properly cellared, though both are drinking well enough now.

And they are being drunk now. For better or for worse, that is the nature of the wine industry. "We in the States do tend to drink our wines as babies," Schneider said.

## Pickles contribute to the perfect flavor combination

NAPS

A pickle and a sandwich. The long-term relationship between this "perfect couple" is getting a lot more intimate these days.

No longer content to be a pretty garnish beside a handsome hunk of bread and meat, pickles, pickled peppers and sauerkraut are now appearing between the bread as well as on the plate.

It's no wonder. With their lively flavor and crispy texture, pickled vegetables can turn a plain sandwich into a knockout meal, for few added calories and no added fat. Here's how:

- Mix pickle relish or chopped pickled peppers into tuna or chicken salad for a change of pace. For a delicious and colorful egg salad, combine both dill pickle relish and chopped pickled peppers with chopped hard-cooked eggs, minced onion and mayonnaise.

- Burgers are better-and juicier-with pickle relish folded into the mix. Or, add sauerkraut to ground beef, grill and top with Swiss cheese and Russian dressing for a Reuben burger. Plain burgers get fancier when layered with bread-and-butter pickle chips or a scoop of sweet, hot or hamburger relish.

- Sauerkraut is second only to mustard as the nation's most popular adornment for the hot dog. It's great as is, but if you're looking for a change, try mixing chopped onion, sweet pickle relish and chopped, pickled hot cherry peppers with the sauerkraut and sautéing before

spooning onto your frank.

- For a delicious vegetarian sandwich, stuff a pita with an assortment of your favorite chopped, sliced or julienned fresh vegetables, such as tomatoes, onions, peppers, zucchini, carrots, broccoli, snow peas and bean sprouts. Add a layer of sliced dill pickles and top with a sauce of plain, nonfat yogurt, Dijon mustard and fresh dill.

- Try "Tortilla Roll-Ups." Arrange sliced, cooked chicken, turkey or beef down the center of a flour tortilla and top with chopped tomatoes, pickled pepper rings, salsa, shredded cheese and sour cream. For a vegetarian version, skip the meat and add refried beans instead.

- Sneak a surprise into even the most mundane sandwiches by adding a layer of thin, lengthwise-sliced pickle sandwich slices. Pickle slices really perk up turkey, roast beef, chicken, ham and even bologna. Go one step further and switch to a hearty whole grain bread and serve gherkins as a go-with.

- Say hooray for heroes topped with sauerkraut instead of lettuce. The sauerkraut packs a piquant punch and is always crispy and crunchy.

Next time you're in the mood for a hearty repast, try this contemporary version of a classic Ham and Cheese Sandwich:

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WITH THEIR LIVELY FLAVOR and crispy texture, pickled vegetables can turn a plain sandwich into a knockout meal.

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1/3 pound thinly sliced brie  
Coriander pickles  
Spread 2 slices of bread with

mayonnaise, if desired. Arrange arugula pieces to taste on each slice of bread. Top with equal amounts of peppers, ham, cheese and pickles in layers. Top with remaining slices of bread and serve.  
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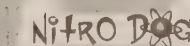
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One of the easiest ways to entertain is through a brunch. A mid-morning get-together can be convenient for both host and guests. For the host, brunch preparation is generally more simple and less expensive than it is for other meals. For the guests, the late-afternoon and evening hours remain free for other commitments.

With preplanning, the cook can enjoy the meal along with the diners. A one-dish-feeds-all entree, such as Noodle-Crusted Quiche Noel, eliminates the drudgery of feeding a crowd.

The comforting eggs, cheese and ham provide protein, the non-traditional noodle crust saves fat and the medley of vegetables adds to the vitamin and mineral count of the rectangular pie.

To round out the meal with little fuss, serve the quiche with crusty bread and a fresh fruit compote. Despite its elegance, the quiche itself — in addition to being nutritious, colorful and appetizing — requires no fancy cooking skills.

### NOODLE-CRUSTED QUICHE NOEL

8 eggs, divided  
2 1/2 cups cooked egg or spinach noodles (about 5 oz. uncooked)  
1 jar (2 oz.) sliced mushrooms, undrained

2 1/4 cups chopped sweet and/or green peppers  
3 tablespoons instant mashed onion  
1 cup chopped cooked ham  
1 1/2 cups low-fat (1%) cottage cheese  
3/4 teaspoon basil, crushed  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Sprinkle leaves, optional. In medium bowl, beat 1 egg. Stir in noodles, onion, blended. To form crust, mix noodle mixture over bottom up sides of lightly greased 12 x 2-inch baking dish. Drain mushroom liquid into medium saucepan. Set aside. Stir pepper, onion into mushroom liquid, and cook over medium heat. Peppers are tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in reserved mushrooms and ham. Sprinkle over crust.

In covered blender combine remaining eggs, cheese, seasonings at medium speed until smooth. Pour vegetable/ham mixture. Bake in preheated 375°F oven until puffed in center and inserted near center comes out clean, about 25 to 35 minutes. Stand 5 minutes before serving. Garnish with spinach leaves. Served.

Makes 8 servings.

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# Yockelson's latest book — 'Baking by Flavor' — is an intense quest for flavor

BY RENEE SCHETTLER  
THE WASHINGTON POST

**Book and author**  
Baking by Flavor" by Lisa Yockelson (John Wiley & Sons, \$24.95) is a frequent contributor to food magazines and a regular contributor to the Washington Post's Food section for almost 20 years. Yockelson's business card reads "baking journalist," though it might as well read "baking sorceress" given her passion, relentless, all-consuming pursuit of perfection.

Her recipes work, though they require attention to detail, such as the use of extra two tablespoons of unsalted butter, unbleached all-purpose flour, and hard-to-find 10-inch square baking pan.

At the time of the book's release in June, a reader once wrote to the Washington Post Food section asking for a "disastrous" Yockelson recipe for a cake frosting. We had tested the recipe even before the perfectionist Yockelson turned it in.

Yockelson called Yockelson with the author's complaints. Yockelson, at first, hung up the phone, then called back and showed up at our office, bowl of freshly frosting in hand. It was perfect, as fine as frosting gets.

**What**  
For a 567-page volume — the most comprehensive and detailed of any in the test kitchen — this is remarkably user-friendly. Yockelson, in a Lisa Yockelson way, the book is written with the reader in mind. The profuse details, exacting measurements, precise directions all serve to convey the underlying premise: achieving flavor in baked goods is a wordy, to be sure. But that's the point: Yockelson's enthusiasm — and it's contagious. It's rife with thoughts and pointers.

Yockelson names a couple: explicit instructions that let you know in advance exactly what to expect from flavor and texture, and instructions that explain what you would expect from the appearance of the batter or dough at various times. It's as if Yockelson herself were peering over your shoulder in the kitchen.

The first section is succinct, well-organized (and mine is always showing signs of use). It has a lot of simple flavor enhancements, charts that show flavor compatibility and a useful breakdown of basic utensils and pans. Yockelson's chapters are devoted to individual flavors, 18 in all: almond, apricot, banana, blueberry, butter, butterscotch (what's not to love about an entire chapter devoted to butterscotch — Lisa Yockelson for toffee), caramel and butterscotch, chocolate, cinnamon, coconut, coffee and mocha, ginger, lemon, peanut and peanut butter, rum, spice, sweet cheese, vanilla. And the index is every bit as encyclopedic as it ought to be.

The book is charming and personal, from the author's dedication to her grandmother to her elementary yet approachable food photography (done justly by photographer Ben Fink).

## Tips on cooking with wine

DEBRA HALE-SHELTON  
AP WEEKLY FEATURES  
CHICAGO — The "Ten Commandments" of cooking with wine, according to cooking teacher and author Anne Willan, are:

1. An expensive vintage is not needed for cooking. If a wine is good for drinking, it's good for cooking, too.  
2. Use what you have on hand.  
3. Use of white wine with fish and shellfish, red wine with red meats, and white wine with red meats holds good, but is there broken when you feel like it.  
4. What you taste in the glass — salty, fruit or sugar — will be reduced in the pan.  
5. Beware of wines high in tannin. They taste harsh unless they are cooked for a long time.  
6. Boil wine thoroughly to mellow its flavor. In a braise or sauce, the alcohol must be reduced by at least

just a few spoonfuls of wine to make a difference to many dishes. Large amounts are not always needed.  
7. Use local wines to give your cooking a regional, personal touch.  
8. If you are missing a particular ingredient, don't hesitate to substitute. Use dry instead of Madeira, for instance, or dry vermouth for white

Let taste be your guide. Add wine if flavor fades or a last-minute pick-me-up seems appropriate.  
9. Use nonreactive pans and avoid those that are not sensitive to the

## Who would read this book

Bakers as well as wannabe-bakers willing to go waaaaa beyond boxed brownie mixes. Sugar addicts who need to flip immediately to the index in desperate need of a recipe.

Sweet tooths who prefer to curl up for a leisurely Saturday lesson on flavor pairings and pyramids. And anyone — like me — who ferociously loves toffee, er, buttercrunch and believes the world needs more of it.

## Who shouldn't read this book

Anyone averse to cleaning up should steer clear. When I set out to make the Truffled Chocolate-Walnut Brownies — quite possibly the most decadent, thigh-fattening brownies ever, fudgy down to the last faintly granular bite — I dirtied no less than five mixing bowls, two saucepans, three spatulas, a whisk and a relatively rare size of baking pan. Was it worth it? Ask yourself.

## Recap from the book

"The dynamic flavor of lemon can be as rich, gratifying and potent as chocolate or almond, but in a sweet and sharp way. What distinguishes the taste of lemon from other prominent flavors is the welcoming presence of acid, which, when paired with butter, sugar and eggs, turns an aggressively sour component into one that is tangy, tangy and pleasantly astringent."

"The passageway to expanding the flavor of lemon in batters and doughs can be direct or indirect: freshly grated lemon rind, lemon juice and lemon extract, in various combinations, can charge up a cake batter directly and immediately. These would be classified as dominant flavoring agents."

On a more subtle, layered level are lemon-scented granulated sugar, candied lemon peel 'threads,' lemon glaze or lemon icing, as accessory flavoring agents.

"When buying lemons at the market, look for firm-surfaced, bright-skinned fruit that is heavy in the hand, indicating that they're full of juice. Avoid lemons with any soft, slightly dimpled areas."

When a recipe calls for grated lemon peel, use cold lemons, for the chilled peel is easier to grate and produces the fluffiest rind. Fluffy-textured rind — rather than dense, tough rind — produces the

best flavor because it's easily absorbed.

To generate the most juice from lemons, squeeze at room temperature after you've rolled them firmly on the counter with the palm of your hand."

— From the introduction to the Lemon chapter.

## LEMON-SCENTED GRANULATED SUGAR

15 strips lemon peel (zest)  
3 pounds granulated sugar

Line a plate or baking sheet with wax paper. Scatter the strips of lemon peel on the paper in an even layer. Let the peels stand overnight, turning them 2 or 3 times. After about 24 hours the peels should be dry and leathery-textured.

If the weather is damp or humid when you are making the peels, you may need to dry them for another 8 hours or so. (Make sure to use thoroughly dried peels; otherwise you risk liquefying the sugar.)

Place one-third (1 pound) of the sugar in a large storage container. Scatter over half of the dried lemon peels. Add another third of sugar, top with the remaining lemon peels, and cover with the last pound of sugar, then the lid.

Place the sugar in a cool place for 5 days before using. After 2 days, gently stir the sugar to integrate the peels in it. The lemon-flavored sugar will clump up over time, and should be strained through a sieve or sifted before using to break up any clumps.

Makes approximately 3 pounds flavored sugar.

"The flavored sugar refines the taste of creamed cake batters, sweet cheese and lemon curd fillings, icings and glazes."

"I usually use organic lemons for juicing, and always use them when grating the rind or stripping the peel. A smaller amount of lemon-scented sugar can be made using 1 pound of sugar and 5 strips of lemon peel."

— Excerpted from the Creating a Baking Pantry chapter

## LEMON TEA LOAF

Shortening and all-purpose flour, for preparing the loaf pan

2 1/2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon rind (zest)

1 1/2 teaspoons lemon extract

2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour

1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened

1 cup Lemon-Scented Granulated Sugar (recipe precedes)

2 large eggs

3/4 cup half-and-half

Lemon-Sugar Wash (recipe follows), for brushing on the warm, baked tea loaf

Combine the grated lemon zest and lemon extract in a small non-reactive ramekin. Set aside for 10 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease the inside of a 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan with shortening. Dust the inside of the pan with all-purpose flour. Tap out any excess flour; set aside.

Sift the flour, baking powder and salt onto a sheet of wax paper.

Cream the butter in the large bowl of a standing mixer on moderate speed for 3 minutes. Add 1/2 cup of the Lemon-Scented Granulated Sugar and beat for 1 minute; add the remaining 1/2 cup Lemon-Scented Granulated Sugar

and continue beating for a minute longer. Beat in the eggs, 1 at a time, mixing for about 45 seconds after each is added. Beat in the lemon rind.

On low speed, alternately add the sifted mixture in 3 additions with the half-and-half in 2 additions, beginning and ending with the sifted mixture. Scrape down the sides of the mixing bowl frequently with a rubber spatula.

Spoon the batter into the prepared loaf pan, mounding it slightly in the center.

Bake the loaf for 50 to 55 minutes, or until risen, set and a wooden pick inserted in the loaf withdraws clean. When fully baked, the loaf will pull away slightly from the sides of the baking pan.

Let the loaf stand in the pan on a cooling rack for 5 minutes, then carefully tip out onto another cooling rack. Stand the loaf right side up. Place a sheet of wax paper under the cooling rack to catch any dribbles of the topping.

Immediately apply the Lemon-Sugar Wash over the top and sides of the warm loaf, using a soft, 1-inch-wide pastry brush. Cool completely before slicing and serving. (Use a serrated knife to cut the loaf neatly and cleanly.)

Makes one 9-by-5-inch loaf,

about 12 slices. Freshly baked, the tea loaf keeps for 2 days.

"Half-and-half makes a creamy-textured, slightly firm crumb that holds up to the lemon-sugar wash that is brushed on the baked loaf."

— Excerpted from the Lemon chapter

## LEMON-SUGAR WASH

1/3 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice

1/3 cup granulated sugar, preferably lemon-scented (see preceding recipe)

In a small nonreactive bowl, combine the lemon juice and sugar. Stir well. Let stand 10 minutes. Using the wash will give the surface of a baked tea loaf, pound cake or batch of muffins a crackly, sugary veneer.

Per serving (based on 12): 23 calories, trace protein, 6 gm carbohydrates, 0 gm fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 0 gm saturated fat, trace sodium, trace dietary fiber

Makes about 1/2 cup. "Quick to make, and exceptionally tangy, this blend is an intense condiment to paint over the top of just-baked (and still oven-hot) fruit muffins, pound and loaf cakes, or sweet tea cakes."

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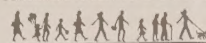
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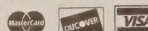
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